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CARDIFF CITY 1 LUTON TOWN 0

After a run of two successive victories, the Town slipped in Wales last week when a 54th minute goal from John Buchan gave Cardiff a slender victory.

Left: Kirk Stephens jumps for a ball as Cardiff attack.

Above: Mike Saxby in a battle for the ball with Gary Stevens.

Above right: Steve White evades a tackle in a Luton attack.

Right: Jake Findlay goes up for a ball watched by Kirk Stephens (right) and Mark Aizlewood.

Pictures: Evening Post-Echo

JOIN US AT THE PALACE

Are *YOU* heading for the Palace on Monday evening? We are, because that's the night all our players, management and staff will mingle with our supporters at our special pre-Christmas get-together at Cesars Palace when the cabaret features Peters and Lee — making their last appearance together as a double act.



We have reserved Cesars Palace exclusively for our use on Monday, and can promise you that we have a few surprises up our sleeves to help the evening go with a swing.

It promises to be a superb evening and, already, 700 fans have indicated they will be there. But there's still time for you to reserve your ticket by calling into our Kenilworth Road offices on Monday.

Supporters who simply want to watch the show without eating can do so for only £3, although admission and a special Christmas menu will cost only £4.50. And, if you want to live it up a little more, we have arranged for Cesars' special A la carte menu to be available.

Peters and Lee have topped the bill at all Britain's prestige venues. Now, after a long career together they have reached the top of the entertainment tree, they have decided to split and go their own ways.

We have arranged for them to entertain you on Monday evening in a full supporting cabaret which features the club's resident orchestra and singers, support artist and sounds on disc.

It's going to be a superb night out. Why don't *YOU* join us?

BOX OFFICE . . . BOX OFFICE

Tickets are now available for our next home match against Preston two weeks today. The game represents another of our special offer prices and seats cost only £3. Standing prices have also been reduced to £2 for adults and £1 for juniors and senior citizens.

All seats for the game against Chelsea on Boxing morning (11.30) have been sold and, in John Wilkinson's column elsewhere in today's match day magazine, you will find further details about standing accommodation.

After the Preston game, we will know the result of the draw for the third round of the FA Cup. If we are given a home draw, we hope to make an announcement on ticket arrangements within hours. If we are drawn away, we will attempt to secure an allocation of tickets from our opponents within two days.

Season ticket holders are reminded that Cup-ties are paid for separately and they should present voucher number three when collecting their reserved seat. Holders of season tickets for the standing areas will require their red vouchers only if the game is all-ticket. Otherwise, they will pay at the turnstiles on the day of the match.

Oldham, our hosts next Saturday, are prepared to supply seat tickets through the post. Alternatively, seats are usually available on the day of the match.

Greater Manchester Police have asked us to point to our fans travelling by road should approach the ground using the Broadway and Hilbre Avenue.

On the other hand you can travel in comfort with the Bobbers Travel Club who will operate coaches. Tickets are on sale every Wednesday night in the Bobbers Club. If you are not a member, the club's rule stipulate you must join seven days before travelling. You can do that between 5 p.m. and 5.30 p.m. after today's game.

PROGRAMME FAIR

Soccer programmes are big business these days with collectors paying high prices for rare items. Walthamstow Avenue FC have asked us to bring to the attention of our supporters their programme fair being held a week tomorrow at their ground, Green Pond Road, Higham Hill Road, London E17. A total of 14 dealers from the south will attend the fair with a wide selection of programmes for sale



The picture tells the complete story. A superb game and an excellent victory against the FA Cup holders coupled with the official switch-on of our new £100,000 Wallspan scoreboard.

The scoreboard was responsible for bringing us a letter from the Rt Hon Sally Oppenheim MP who wrote to our chief executive John Smith to say: "As the Minister responsible for the campaign to promote firework safety, I was delighted to learn about the enterprising way your club used the new electronic scoreboard to publicise the Firework Code at the match against Sheffield Wednesday.

"Not only the supporters of the two teams in your ground, but football fans throughout the country watching BBCs Match Of The Day on Sunday afternoon had a timely reminder of the need for taking common sense care in handling fireworks. Your action undoubtedly ensured that a vitally important message reached a most appropriate and massive audience."

DAVID'S DIARY

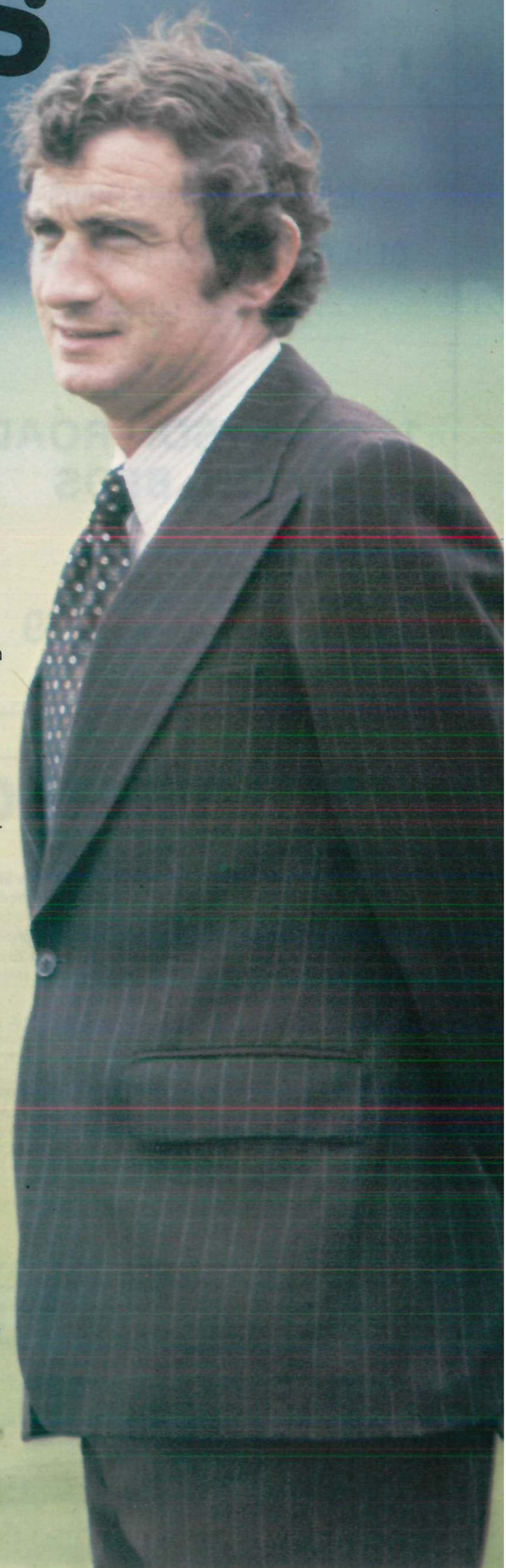
There can be few, if any, supporters who left the ground after the West Ham game dissatisfied with the entertainment provided. It was a fine exhibition of football and endeavour in difficult conditions. I have always stressed it takes two sides to make a good open game.

Today we welcome Bolton Wanderers who have to combat all the problems which come with losing their First Division status. It takes time to rebuild and readjust after the club has been geared to the highest League standards in the world. I am sure Bolton will climb steadily back on the right path. They present us today with a positive challenge to our recent better results. In goalscorers of the quality of Kidd, Whatmore and Gowling they have the valuable assets all clubs seek. After the Watford away game the other week, I received a couple of letters, possibly from their supporters, complaining about the fact that we caught them offside on eight occasions. It has never been our policy to catch players offside. If our defenders follow the ball out of defence by moving forward, the onus is on the opposing forwards to be energetic enough to move as well. If a team presents problems to you with this tactic, it is wise to be well prepared to counter. We were all delighted with the support at Watford and home to West Ham and I can assure you it is fully appreciated by the players and staff.

Recent wet weather has caused headaches for our loyal groundsmen, Dick Wassell. Once the surface gets ruined it can turn into a winter's nightmare, but I hope we can protect the pitch and, with Dick's hard work, get it into reasonable condition. Incidentally, I was most impressed with Watford's pitch — it looked superb.

The Reserves continue to do well, and it is essential that, in the event of injuries and loss of form, we have adequate back-up players. Also, the South East Counties side is holding its own against clubs with greater resources and a wider scouting system. At the same time, we are aware that reserve and youth football is about development of players as opposed to winning cups. In this respect, younger players who have not quite achieved the standards we require will be allowed to move on as the game becomes more and more competitive.

Finally, a word of praise for our players who have shown an excellent record in recent weeks with their good on-field behaviour. We have accumulated a minimal amount of disciplinary points and it is a relief to go into games with no fears of players being near the 20 point mark. Many managers are never free from this anxiety, because of the type of players they have in their teams. It is no coincidence that the sides at the top of Leagues are inevitably footballing sides who have creative rather than destructive players. We must keep up our good record. This mood relays to the terraces and we can progress to our aim of becoming a club for the family to enjoy in comfort and free from intimidation and bad language.



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PERSONAL

STEVE

Happy birthday to a loving wife and mum. God Bless and Love — Robin and Danny.

STEVE

Happy birthday to a special and dear friend — Love Cath, Alan, Benji, Lorri and Mike.

GEORGE

Your round — Cheers. Tony Jim and Colin.

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John's Journal

We welcome our visitors today, Bolton Wanderers, who are one of the original members of the Football League.

Formed in 1874, they turned professional in 1880 and have been playing at Burnden Park since 1895. They started life as Christ Church FC but changed to the current name in 1877.

I suppose that, when people talk of the 'Trotters', the first name which comes to mind is that of Nat Lofthouse, capped 33 times for England. Christened by the fans as the 'Lionheart' he still holds the most League goals records for the club, scoring 255 times between 1946-1961. He also had the distinction of managing the club for a time. Another former player who gave the club good service was goalkeeper, Eddie Hopkinson. He made 519 League appearances between 1956-1970. It is players like these whose loyalty to one club is what football is all about.

Since the War, they have had eight managers — Walter Rowley, Bill Ridding, Nat Lofthouse, Jimmy McIlroy, Jimmy Meadows, Jimmy Armfield, Ian Greaves and current boss, Stan Anderson. Their ground record attendance is 69,912, which was set on February 18th 1933, when they met Manchester City in an FA match. The current limit under the new safety guide is 43,000.

The white card system I operated against West Ham United seemed to have been successful and, with Chelsea here on Boxing Day, I intend to do the same again. These will possibly be issued at the Preston match on December 13th. If everyone co-operates, there is no reason why this scheme shouldn't work, and could save the club and supporters the worry of an all-ticket match.

I have had many letters in to say how successful the scheme was and I hope we can do it for all big

games. I must also say I have received letters from people criticising not only the club but the police and everyone else connected with the arrangements on match days.

I even had a complaint from an Aston Villa supporter because he couldn't stand where he wanted to. Why he wasn't watching Villa that day, I don't know, I know we can't please everybody, but we do try. I have also had two or three people calling at the office to register complaints but, after putting the club's view, they have gone away assured we are doing our utmost to stamp out trouble on the terraces.

The Guess The Player competition featured in the Swansea magazine has been declared void. It will be repeated in a future magazine.



JOHN WILKINSON *Secretary*

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JUNIOR HATTERS



There's been so much going on recently it's difficult to know where to start. At the last home game, we saw the launching of our new scoreboard, and we all now know how fabulous it is; we saw a superb game of football resulting in a great win over West Ham, and we have had our third Junior Hatters Club meeting. What next? Another great victory today would suit fine, and put us in a tremendous spirit for Christmas.

Since it's only just round the corner, let's look ahead a little. The Christmas meeting of the Junior Hatters Club on Wednesday December 10 at 6.30 p.m. in the Hatters' Club has all the ingredients for a great evening — don't forget your little blue ticket — you'll need it to get in.

Since the festive season is a time for getting and giving, what about our 'Christmas Sponsored Run' during the school holidays? On a day to be announced, I shall invite as many of our club members as possible to take part in sponsored laps of the pitch at Kenilworth Road, with help and encouragement from players.

The money raised by our members will be used for **two** purposes: (1) to help ourselves by providing money to get our clubroom under our Juniors enclosure, and (2) to provide funds for a needy children's charity to be decided by our members at our Christmas meeting. So, if you didn't get a form last Wednesday evening, and would like to 'run with the Players' for Luton Town — ask me for sponsor forms today or, write to me or call at the club offices. Join us, and help our Club and help others.

Junior Hatters Scoreboard Quiz — results:

1. Moss. 2. West. 3. Harrow.

First correct postcard received from Russell Fleckney, of 26 Jillifer Road, Luton, a very keen Junior Hatter, Russell will receive a prize on the pitch before today's game. Well done!

Make sure you obtain your copy of the next issue of The Hatter match magazine. It will contain the names of those lucky Junior Hatters who have drawn the Mascot's spot for the second half of the season. All numbers from 8081250 onwards go in the Hat. Good luck.

Finally, congratulations to the following members who are celebrating birthdays.

Angela Schramm, 6 Thurlow Close, Luton (Nov. 24th) 11 years; Mark Peddar, 92 Flint Close, Luton (Nov. 25th) 10 years; David Kempson, 22 Canberra Gardens, Luton (Nov. 27th) 11 years; Clive Allen, 1 Keymer Close, Luton (Nov. 28th) 13 years; Nicholas Crane, 6 Holts Meadow, Redbourn (Nov. 28th) 9 years; Sharon Devine, 24 Berry Leys, Luton (Nov. 28th) 9 years; Guy Willard, 6 Rickyard Meadow, Redbourn (Nov. 28th) 12 years; Gary Ellis, 10 Hobart Walk, St. Albans (Nov. 29th) 13 years; Damian Blow, 25 Kingscroft Ave., Dunstable (Nov. 30th) 8 years; Michael Campbell, 9 Burnt Close, Luton (Nov. 30th) 11 years;

Philip Gristina, 60 Bloomfield Road, Luton (Nov. 30th) 10 years; Spencer Jones, Greenfield Lane, Ickleford, Hitchin (Nov. 30th) 13 years; Mark Smith, 584 Kenton



Our last home game against West Ham provided some super memories from a great match. It will also be remembered by the mascot that afternoon, Paul Meade, pictured before the kick-off with the two skippers.

Lane, Harrow, Middlesex (Nov. 30th) 11 years; Vincent Keane, 76 Stoneygate Road, Luton (Dec. 1st) 14 years; Lee Maslin, 143 Buckingham Drive, Luton (Dec. 1st) 9 years; Paul Hutton, 23 Burnham Road, Luton (Dec. 2nd) 10 years; Jason Simpkins, 18 Oving Close, Luton (Dec. 2nd) 10 years; Darren Taylor, 171 Icknield Way, Luton (Dec. 2nd) 10 years; Jason Middleton, 61 Links Way, Luton (Dec. 3rd) 10 years;

Richard Chamberlain, 125 Carlton Crescent, Luton (Dec. 4th) 11 years; Michael Chesney, 124 Kinross Crescent, Luton (Dec. 4th) 15 years; Robin Edwards, 53 Buckingham Drive, Luton (Dec. 4th) 8 years; David Merritt, 21 Carlisle Close, Dunstable (Dec. 4th) 14 years; John Carman, 37 St. Lawrence Ave., Luton (Dec. 6th) 14 years; Michael Connolly, 92 Thumpers Highfield, Hemel Hempstead (Dec. 6th) 11 years; Daniel Osbourne, 83 Elmwood Crescent, Luton (Dec. 6th) 8 years.

COLIN BALL

Youth Development Officer

THIS AFTERNOON'S MASCOT



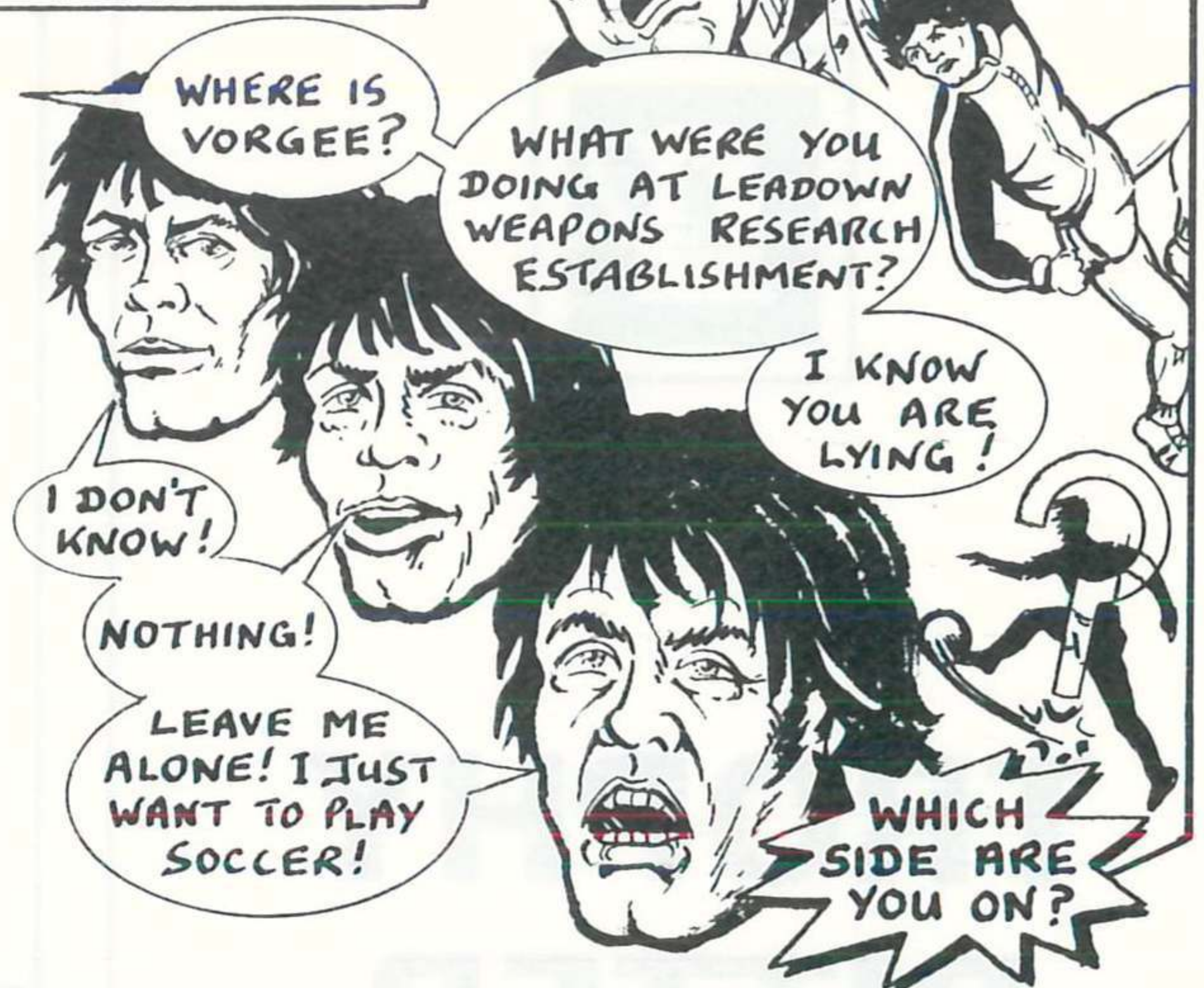
Today, we welcome 11 year old Stephen Gray to Kenilworth Road and sincerely hope he enjoys his afternoon with us. Stephen attends Stopsley High School and lives at Kingsdown Avenue, Luton. He enjoys playing football, rugby, the guitar and the cornet and has been a Junior Hatter since 1976. An all-rounder, Stephen's favourite players are Jake Findlay and David Moss.

WHICH SIDE WAS HE ON?

EPISODE TWELVE
by Ray Aspden



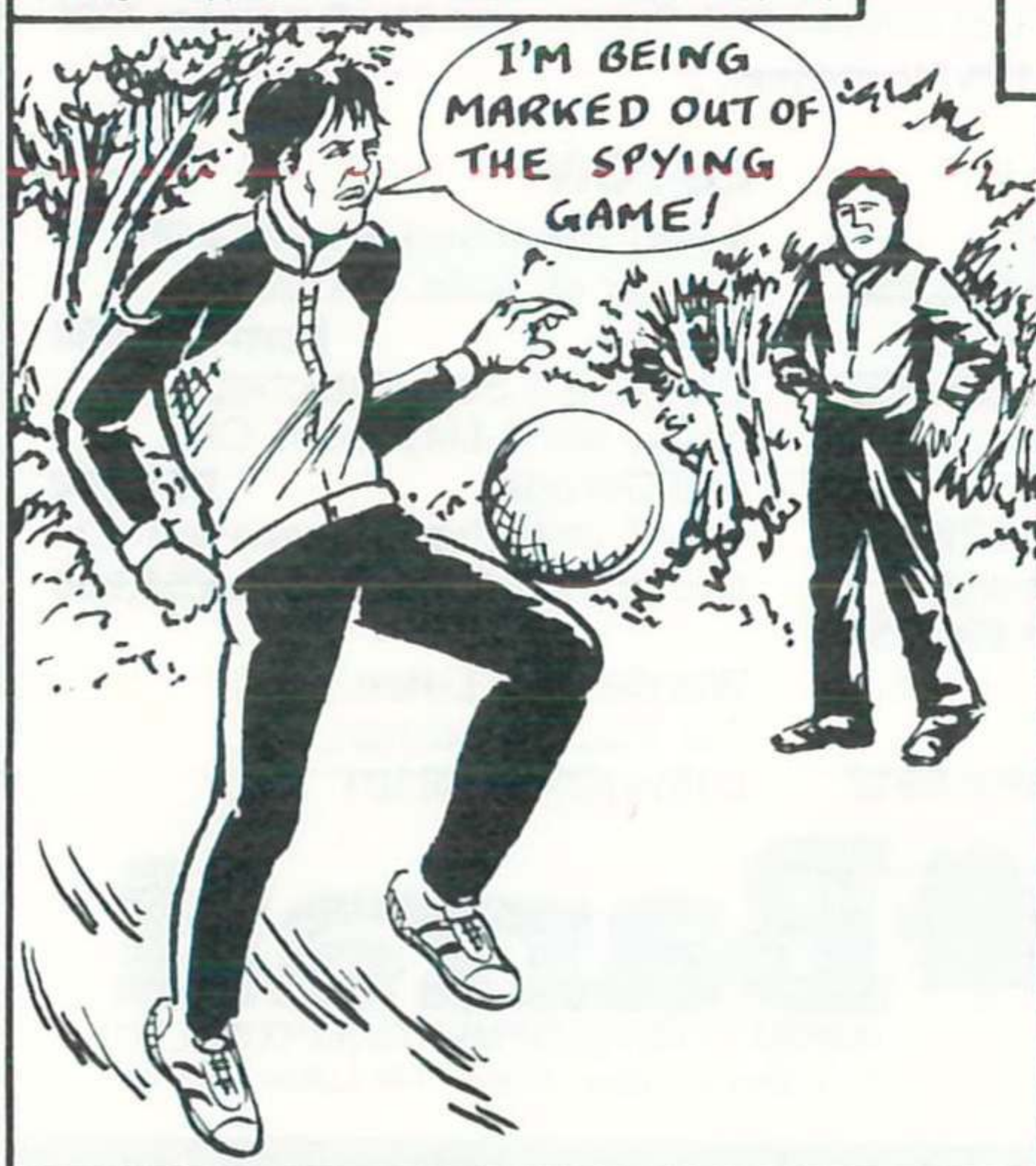
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Kevin Keegan

THE NEEDLE INTO KEVIN

Until Kevin Keegan mentioned on television that he had tried acupuncture to cure his troublesome hamstring and ankle, it seemed the ancient Chinese treatment was as popular in British sport as backstreet abortion. Although Keegan returned unexpectedly early to the Southampton first team, no-one was making claims on behalf of acupuncture. Indeed, it is difficult to pinpoint one of several treatments - rest, physiotherapy, rehabilitation - as being paramount in the mending process.

However, Paddy Mulligan, the Eire and former Crystal Palace and West Brom full-back, used to swear by the needles, Gerry Francis had tried them, and Ron Pickering, the athletics coach and broadcaster, turned to acupuncture some years

ago when conventional medicine failed to unlock his back. He described the process as virtually painless, the relief as instantaneous, and was on a plane to make an important commentary within days.

FRINGE MEDICINE

What is acupuncture? We are still inclined in the west to dismiss its mysteries as "fringe medicine", even though France in particular has flourishing practices. But in 1972, Dr. Oliver Gillie, The Sunday Times medical correspondent, had a tooth drilled under "acupuncture anaesthesia" and described the effects as "exquisite Chinese torture". After four needles had been inserted into nerve centres in his hands and feet, he underwent dentistry with almost no pain.

America every bit as sceptical

as we are, encouraged athletes to try the "cure" in the wake of its table tennis stars who had gone to China in 1971. They learned that, centuries ago, Chinese warriors discovered that arrows which pierced their skin brought relief from aches and pains in other parts of the body. The Chinese recorded these puncture points and plotted 12 "Ching Lo" channels connecting them.

Substituting needles of between 1/2-inch and four-inches for arrows, acupuncture became, together with herbal remedies, the foundation of Chinese medicine. It was, and is, used as preventative medicine rather like servicing a car.

GRID-IRON

American athletes described their experiences vividly in the magazine Sports Illustrated in 1972. Ed Lothamer, one of those mountainous grid-iron defenders, had suffered stiffness and pain in his back for eight months after lifting 500 pounds from a squat. Every medicine under the sun failed him, until, he says, he put his body into the hands of one Dr. Kunzo Nagayama.

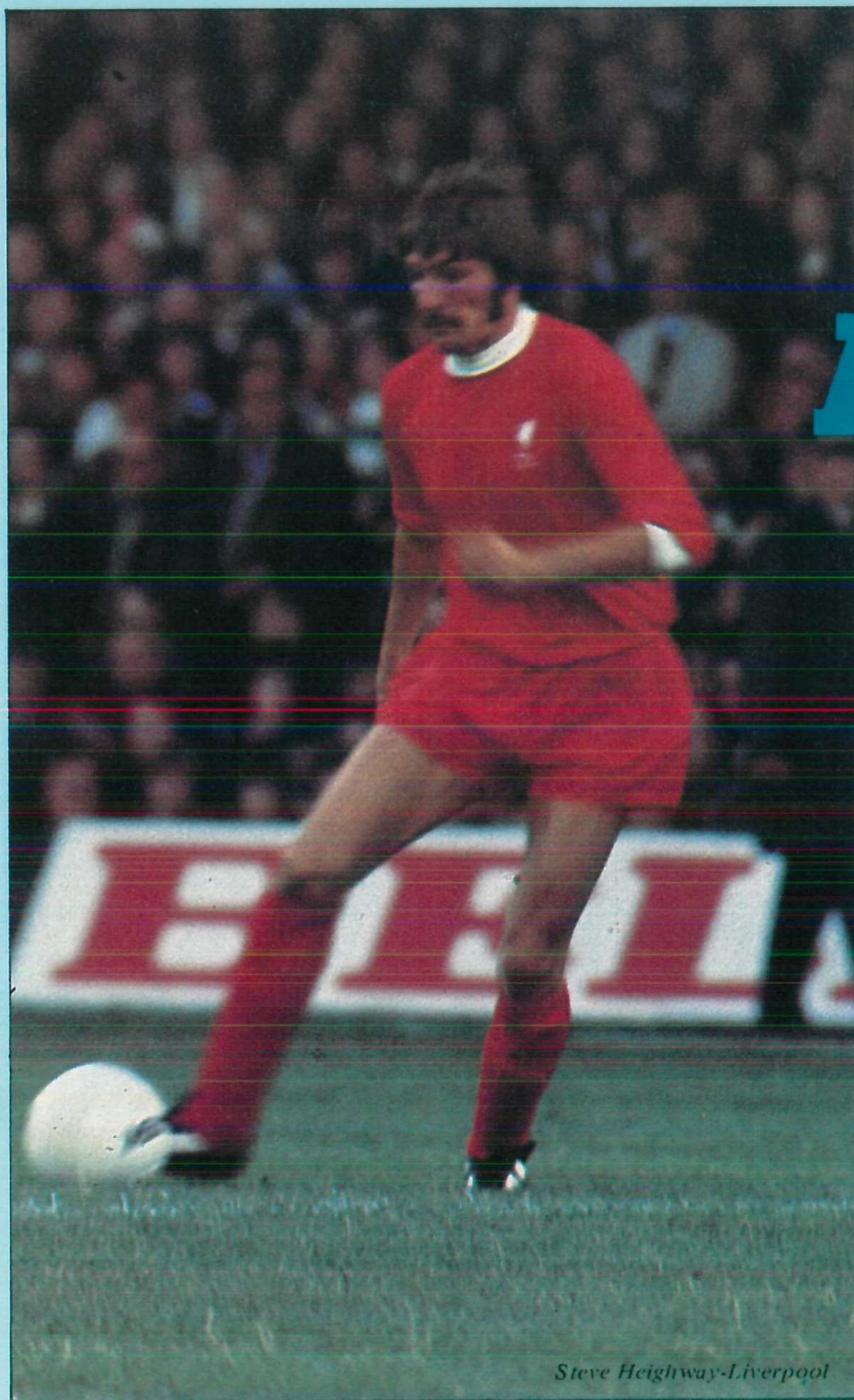
We won't spoil your matchday by going into too much detail. Suffice to say, Ed Lothamer allowed Nagayama to implant 20 needles "gold and silver, about the size of a filament in a light bulb", to draw off a little blood with two larger needles in his back, to plug the holes with "small silver balls", and left for three days. Hey presto, the circulation in his back was "better than for four years"

SUNG TUNG

World sprinter Chi Cheng (who perhaps ought to have known these things) described the pain of the needles going in as "excruciating". No, the doctor rebuked her, that is not pain but "sung tung". Whatever you call it, she replied, the pain is severe.

We are not, understandably, very much further forward today in our acceptance of east/west medical differences. Taiwan claims spectacular results treating ankle sprains and arthritic type injuries through acupuncture, doctors here and in America talk of "hypnotic" beliefs, of psychological misunderstandings, of acupuncture if anything over-riding the body's pain-warning system - a dangerous thing since to camouflage pain and allow the athlete to continue can worsen the injury irreparably.

Yet those same doubting doctors condone the surely equally dangerous use of painkillers (often cortisone) which has the same effect. All we seem to know at the moment is that the sportsman who is desperate to short-cut nature's healing process will try anything. And what is good for a thousand million Chinese may also be good for Kevin Keegan.



Steve Heighway-Liverpool

The other Saturday afternoon I didn't go to Carrow Road where I might have seen Gary Birtles, then of Nottingham Forest, displaying his talents in a 1-1 draw with Norwich City, no, instead I went off to Gander Green Lane looking for another Gary Birtles.

Perhaps I should explain. The Borough Sports Ground in Gander Green Lane, is in Sutton in Surrey and houses Sutton United of the Berger Isthmain League. Despite being a non-League team Sutton United's hospitality of sandwiches, soup and scotch would probably have made my journey worthwhile but I went along to this game in particular as it was an FA Cup third qualifying round match and the visitors were Southern League Poole

Town. Having been at the same school as John Colley the Poole Town Secretary it seemed a very good opportunity to 'kill several birds with one stone'. I admit it was a bit embarrassing for me when Poole town lost 1-4 but that's the way it is with soccer.

£5,000

Now all you football fans will know only too well the story of how Nottingham born Birtles was playing for non-League Long Eaton United in the Midlands County League when he was snapped up by the shrewd Forest boss Brian Clough for a mere £5,000. When he moved to Manchester United recently it cost the Old Trafford club a cool £1m.200,000 which isn't a bad profit.

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ANOT BIRT

by GRAHAM

So there I was looking for another Birtles and although I didn't find one Sutton United's number six, Micky Stephens and Paul Baxter, Poole Town's number eight would more than hold their own in the League. Also on show in Poole's colours was the much travelled former League man John O'Rourke. O'Rourke who seems to have had more clubs than Jack Nicklaus has ended up where many players see out their careers, in non-League football having been with Weymouth and Dorchester before returning for a third spell with Poole Town!

But what about the traffic the other way - from non-League into one of the Four Divisions of the Football League? Well there are quite a few footballers currently performing for League clubs who have made the step up. Take AFC Bournemouth's new young striker Trevor Morgan who the south coast's player-coach David Webb grabbed from Leytonstone & Ilford FC of the Berger Isthmain League. In fact Webb told me the amusing story that the Leytonstone club had two players he fancied signing but told 'Webby' he would have to make a choice as they weren't letting two players go!

In these days of ricolously high transfer fees more and more managers, and not just those from the lower Divisions, are having to cast their nets wider in their search for bargain talent. It struck me as a bit ironic though when I heard that Bobby Moore the former England World Cup side skipper now in charge at non-League Oxford City had been casting an eye over a player with fellow non-Leaguers Poole Town.

NEWCASTLE UNITED
FIND THEM

One League team which does seem to know a good thing when

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they see one is Newcastle United. Among their ranks are Alan Shou-lder and Stephen Carney from non-League neighbours Blyth Spartans, Peter Cartwright from North Shields and Sam Montgomerie formerly of Saltcoats Victoria. Brighton went over the border into Surrey to pick up midfielder Giles Stiles from Berger Isthmian League side Kingstonian and Everton found Eamon O'Keefe playing for Mossley and John Barton with Worcester City. Leicester City discovered forward Paul Edmunds playing on their doorstep with Troston Wanderers

Dave Wiffill was a forward with Bath City before joining Manchester City. Until recently Tony Book was manager of City of course and he was a player with Bath City when Malcolm Allison was manager of the of the non-League club. When Allison went to Plymouth Argyle he brought Book in from the obscurity of the non-Leaguers to join him. When Book entered League football with Argyle in 1964 he was already 28 years old. But there was even better to come as when Allison went to Manchester City as coach Book soon joined him at Maine Road for a fee of just £17,000 in July 1966.

OLD TIMES

At the age of 33 Book captained City to the 1967-68 League title, a year later he was holding up the FA Cup in Wembley in triumph and the European Cup Winners and League Cup joined the trophies in the Manchester City boardroom soon after. Not bad for an old-timer out of the Southern League. Even Bob Paisley the lively Liverpool boss saw non-League glory when as a 19 year-old in 1939 he won an Amateur Cup winners medal with his local club Bishop Auckland and later that year he began his long association with the Anfield club.

Others who have come up from the non-League ranks include Chris Nicholl the Northern Ireland and Southampton defender who was discovered playing for Witton Albion. Or there's Tony Powell of Norwich City who was spotted with Bath City, Liverpool's Steve Heighway who joined then from Skelmersdale United and made his first International appearance for Eire before

he could get into the Liverpool League team. Gordon Hill of QPR was with Southall in the Athenian League when Millwall signed him. Leeds United stalwart Paul Madeley joined them from Farnsley Celtic in May 1962 making his League debut at the age of 20 in January 1964.

SOUTHERN LEAGUE 'SUPERMAC'

Malcolm Macdonald the former England striker was playing as a full-back with Southern League Tonbridge United when Fulham signed him as a professional in August 1968 at the age of 18. Although they converted him to a forward at Craven Cottage he only had 10 League outings there before moving to Luton Town and he later played for Newcastle United and Arsenal. It's not just coincidence that current Sheffield United boss Harry Haslam was also in charge of both Tonbridge and Luton Town around that time! Haslam also managed non-League Barry Town and Eastbourne United during his career.

Manchester United's popular Chief, Dave Sexton also began his playing career outside the League, with Chelmsford City, so it's perhaps not so surprising that he recognises the talent of former fellow non-League man Birtles. Oh yes, and finally, how about Ron Saunders boos of high-flying Aston Villa. As a player having made only three First Division appearances with his first club Everton in five years he moved out of the League to Tonbridge before coming back to begin again with Gillingham, Portsmouth, Watford and Charlton Athletic. And his first manager's job, in case you forgot - with non-League Yeovil.

Gary Birtles



Sir Alf Ramsey will probably go down in Soccer history as England's most successful – and most misunderstood manager.

Whatever his critics may hurl at him, no one can dispute the record books. England, in his 11 year reign, played 113 matches, won 69, drew 27, lost 17 and scored 224 goals, conceding 98. The highlight of his England career was, of course, the capture of the World Cup in 1966.

I have known Alf for nearly 30 years, stemming from his days as the captain and stylish right-back of Tottenham Hotspur. In all those years, I think I got closer to him than anyone from the world of the media. It is a fact that very, very few people, outside his close, trusted contact with professional footballers, ever got a glimpse of the real Ramsey.

To his players he was a god – a leader who commanded loyalty and respect, whose honesty and integrity was never questioned, whose judgement was unfailingly accepted.

To the public he was a puzzling mixture, a baffling contradiction. Perhaps a little boorish, a little arrogant, tremendously strong-willed, lacking humour and warmth, and yet so obviously possessing so many of the demanding qualities that carried him so far in his profession.

To the media, outside the small band of trusted reporters and writers who had travelled the world with him gaining a revealing insight into his

IT'S YOUR DECISION

BY PETER LORENZO

complex personality, he was so often stubborn, aloof, unpredictable and a most difficult man to get to know or understand.

NON-EXISTENT

One thing is abundantly clear – the communication he enjoyed so rewardingly with his players, was almost totally non-existent outside that area. Stick a microphone under his nose or place him in front of TV cameras or a posse of Pressmen, and Ramsey went into a shell. He intensely disliked the vitally-important function of public relations ... and it showed.

Curt, at times almost mono-syllabic, Ramsey struggled to express himself clearly or convincingly. So often the wrong word or phrase, or the unintended interpretation would shunt him into a verbal cul-de-sac, or worse, along a line of explanation or view-

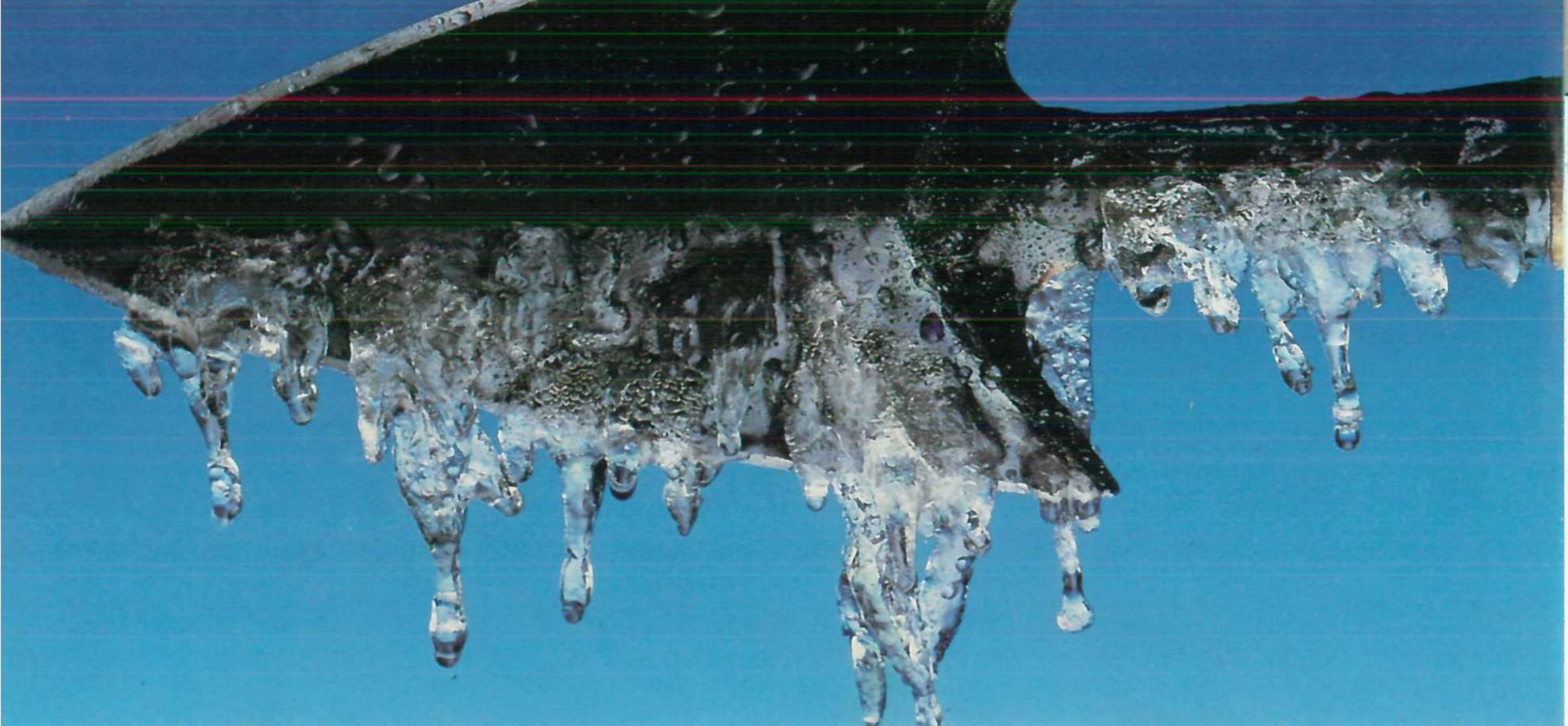
point to which he did not really subscribe.

So many other managers, much better at this practised art of self-projection and dealing with the media, have expertly fended off the wounding accusations and turned defeat into victory.

Not so Alf. He could not and would not seek to camouflage the facts or the situation as he saw it. He, perhaps not unnaturally, thought only one thing mattered – the performance of his team. All the rest, as he was to rue later, was of secondary importance. The courting of the media and of friends in football's influential political circles, the ability to talk as well as play a good game. All of these, he accepted, had a part to play, but not, he insisted, as vital as his role with the England team.

Undeniably he became over-pro-

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Sir Alf Ramsey

tective towards his players. He defended them resolutely when at times there was no defence. He shielded them from criticism and always insisted that he took the blame or the responsibility when things went wrong.

AT HIS BEST

Conversely, Ramsey never sought the limelight when things were going

well. Remember that graphic and so-revealing picture at the 1966 World Cup Final when the England reserves and other officials were leaping for joy and trying to haul Ramsey into the celebrations, while he was trying desperately to stay rooted to his touchline bench?

This was so typical of the man. If he could have stayed permanently in the background, out of the headlines, away from the cameras, this so willingly he would have done.

Ramsey was at his best and most relaxed, working and training with his beloved players. He trusted them, he could be at ease, he didn't have to mind his P's and Q's. Away from that comforting environment, he became a different person, not nearly so likeable, tolerant or open.

Sir Alf Ramsey is basically a shy man, and a man who jealously guarded his privacy. Outside football his interests were his family, his home and his main hobby, pottering around his garden.

This, then, is the Sir Alf Ramsey as I see him, as I knew him. But, perhaps, one final story may help further to understand this silent Knight of Soccer. It comes from Malcolm McDonald, who ironically, is himself just embarking into the perilous waters of football management.

YOUR DECISION

Malcolm recalls: "It was in Portugal, where we weren't to know, Alf was taking charge of what would be

his last game as England manager. He called us together one morning and said: 'I've had a request from the Press which normally I would have turned down out of hand, but these are changing times and I leave the decision to you. The Press would like a session with all the players interviewing them at will. Think it over and let me know your decision.' "

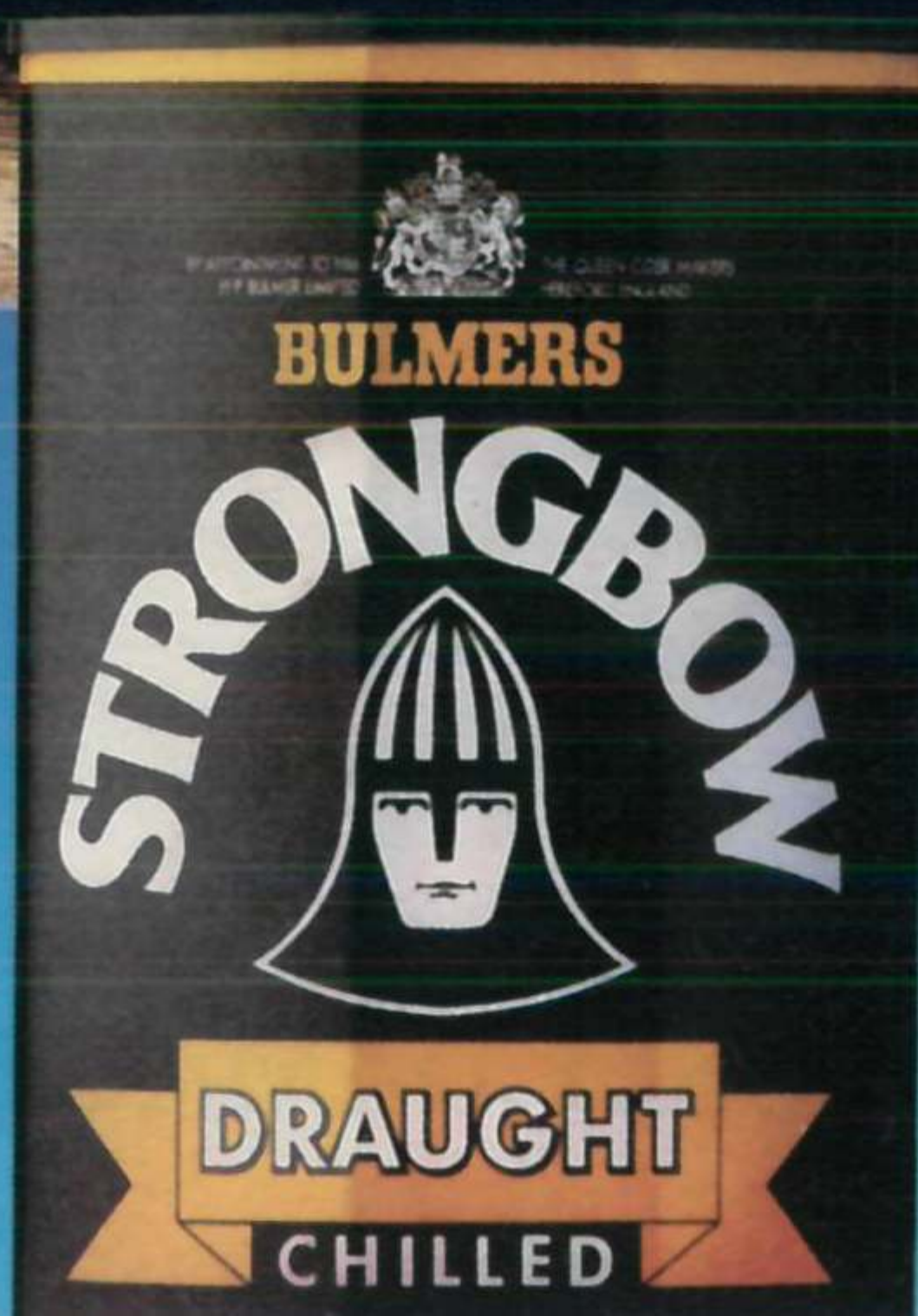
Malcolm went on: "The lads got together and Alan Ball, who was the senior pro at the time, voiced the thoughts of most of the players when he said they would prefer not to do it. We told Alf and thought that was the end of that.

"But on the plane going home after the match, I was sitting next to a National newspaperman I knew quite well when he turned round and said, 'What do you think of that b.... Ramsey. You know we wanted an interview session with all the players and he just told us to push off, or stronger words to that effect.' "

As Malcolm McDonald commented: "Why did he have to take all the kicks himself? Why make more enemies when he so desperately needed all the friends he could get? It was typical of the man I guess, but he certainly did make things tough for himself."

As I have said, communication with anyone who wasn't a professional footballer in his squad, was never one of Sir Alf Ramsey's strongest points.

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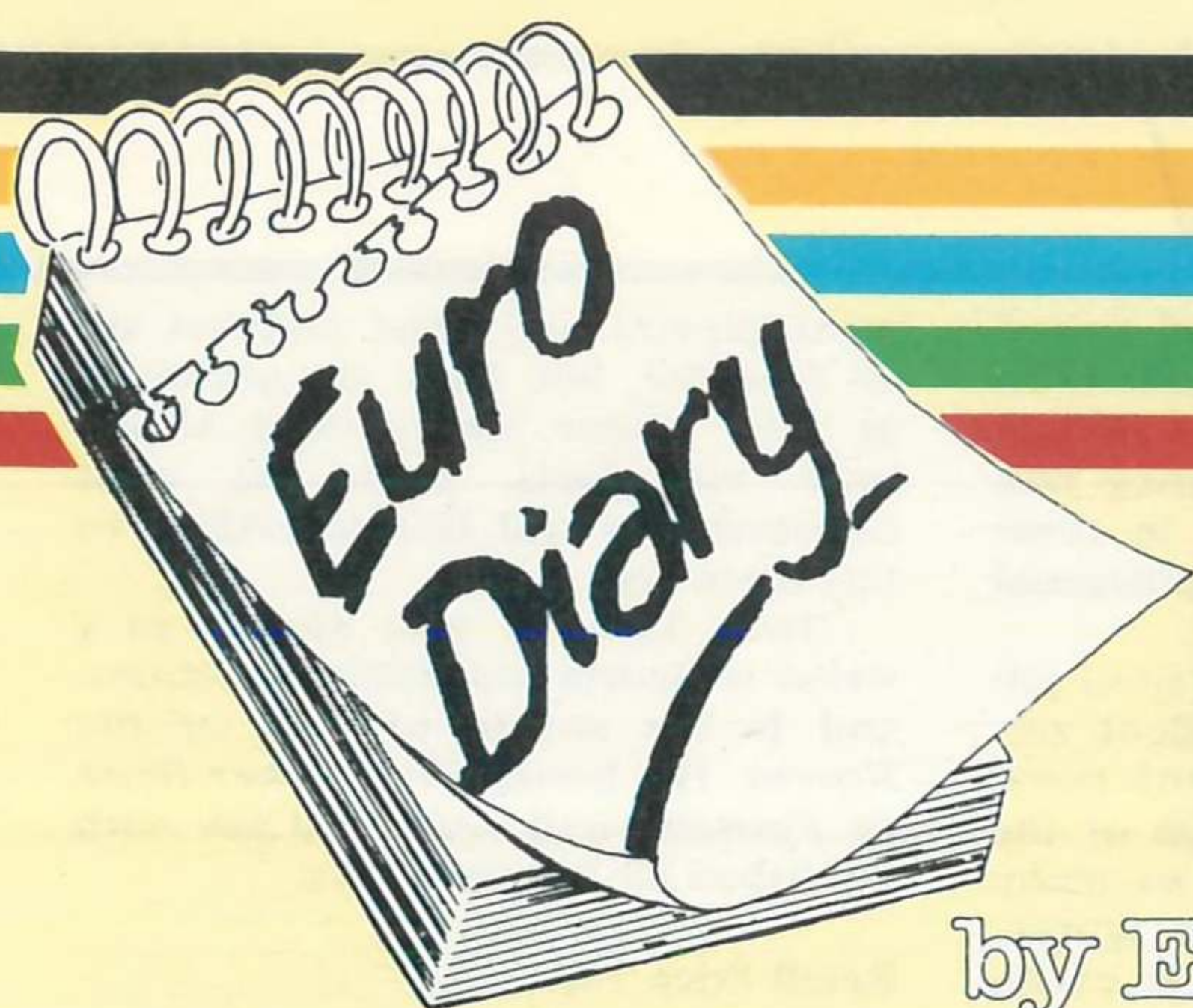
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by Eric Nicholls

What would Willie Whitelaw say?

Whatever the result sheet says, and whatever happens concerning those mystery injuries which usually manage to coincide with international programmes, Ron Greenwood and his England players have never had it so good.

How come? Just compare the situation at home with that in Liberia. The President of the Liberian FA, a Mr Samuel K. Doe, has announced to the world that if his national team should lose a game the complete team will be "transferred" – to prison!

Says Mr Doe: "As long as I am President I don't want the national team to lose because football is the most popular sport in Liberia."

The reason for this nationalistic outrage? Well, Liberia didn't play so well against Mali and the game ended in a 1-1 draw.

Perhaps there is a thought for our own FA, the Football League and the Professional Footballers' Association. Maybe even a new subject for a most interesting seminar for the 92 chairmen?

Jupp Derwall, West Germany's national coach, has come to the rescue of one Rinus Michels, the new boss of Tony Woodcock's FC Cologne. To be a coach in the Bundesliga you must hold a West German FA coaching badge. Michels, of course, does not, and he faced the possibility of returning to a football school for that purpose.

Until Herr Derwall stepped in to say: "Being the national

coach for Holland in the 1974 World Cup when his team reached the final, and having been Chief Coach to Ajax who won the European Cup three times, plus Barcelona, of course, is enough we feel to excuse Michels from a further coaching course."

Good heavens, the Germans have actually said 'Nein' to a rule. And rules in West Germany are accepted as 100 per cent 'Ja'.

Whatever else happens in the Middle East, for the time being at any rate, we are going to be deprived of witnessing Israel and Egypt "playing" each other on the football field.

President Navon, of Israel, made that clear to President Sadat during their pleasant tea-for-two talks in Cairo. Could it be somebody had tipped him off about that recent punch-up between an Egyptian club and New York Cosmos?

Bronco Zebec is a Yugoslav and he happens to be the Chief Coach of SV Hamburg. But his scouting missions have been seriously handicapped.

Back in April he was in a bit of a hurry to get to Dortmund and his efforts to exercise his right foot led to a police car setting off on a wild west chase along the autobahn all the way to Borussia Dortmund's stadium.

Many things are said of football coaches, but in this case the Judge's own words were confirmation of Zebec being "under the influence". The result is a nine-months driving ban and a

hefty fine to go with it.

Maybe until next season, he'll have to grab a lift in the chairman's car whether he wants to or not.

Willem 11 is not just the name of those popular cigars from Holland. It happens to be a Dutch First Division football club as well.

They have a useful forward named Toine van Mierlo. Now this guy happened to score two of the goals that helped Willem 11 beat Birmingham City 3-1 in a pre-season friendly.

Birmingham, we are told, were impressed. Sufficiently, according to club and player, to talk of a possible transfer and gaining a first option.

Since then neither Willem 11, nor van Mierlo have heard the slightest whisper from St. Andrews.

Perhaps silence is golden. Or dare we suggest the Brummie dialect was a little too much for the poor Dutch to translate?

Happier news from Holland is that a young Englishman has become a bit of a heart-throb to Dutch ladies. And that's from teenagers to middle-aged housewives. No, sorry Kevin Keegan, it isn't you this time.

It's Trevor Eve, the 29-year-old actor who plays the lead role in *Shoestring* which is fast becoming top of the pops on Dutch tv. Trevor's Dutch fan club is way into five figures and domestic "disagreements" are more than few and far between thanks to 8.27 p.m. being switch-on time on Saturday evenings to see Eddie Shoestring in action.

So, now we know what to do. Let your hair straggle, leave your tie low and loose and get some mud on your clothes. Perhaps the footballing fashion brigade will take note!

BOOK REVIEW

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ROTHMANS YEARBOOK
Reviewed by Graham Spiers

One question that is always being asked is, "What did we use to do before we had television?". Well I'm old enough to remember those long forgotten days and no I don't remember Queen Victoria being on the throne of England.

This year throughout August I wore a hole in the current carpet of my local W.H. Smith's as I awaited the arrival of the 'Football Fan's Bible'. What I thought, as I stood surrounded by Penguins – the book variety that is – and records of something called an Abba, did we football supporters use to do before 'Rothmans Football Year Book'? The answer to both questions about TV and Rothmans is "I can't remember". All I know is that I would certainly miss football coverage on television, and British football supporters must be the luckiest in the world having 'Rothmans Football Yearbook' available to them.

'Rothmans Football Yearbook' first appeared in the 1970-1 season and to show how long ago that is the price was 18 shillings – yes we used real money in those days. This year for the 1980-1 copy the cost is £4.95 and considering inflation that still represents very good value to me. 'Rothmans Football Yearbook' is edited by Jack Rollin.

Jack Rollin's task is rather similar to that of the men painting the Forth Bridge – no sooner have they reached one end of it than they have to start re-painting all over again from the beginning. I know that even

before the 1980-1 edition had arrived on the shelf of my local W.H. Smith's the next edition was already being prepared. It's a daunting task and must be a nightmare in these days of rapid transfer and managerial moves.

'Rothmans' do a pretty good job and provides a really excellent survey of the previous season both home and abroad. This is also true of the Scottish clubs too which so many other football publications ignore.

Another feature which is exclusive to Rothmans is the most informative section on Football Club Managers. Again I wouldn't mind if this section was extended with all the dates of the managers' stays with various clubs – but I admit to being biased as the whole managerial set-up fascinates me.

There are a few pictures, not of a very high quality of reproduction, in the middle of the Yearbook, and I wouldn't object too much if this went altogether. After all, the 'Rothmans Football Yearbook' is such a splendid book of facts that I don't know how any real football fan can possibly be without their copy. As for me, well, come next August I give advance warning to my local branch of W.H. Smith's that I'll be in there causing further wear and tear to their carpeting again as I head for the sports books section.

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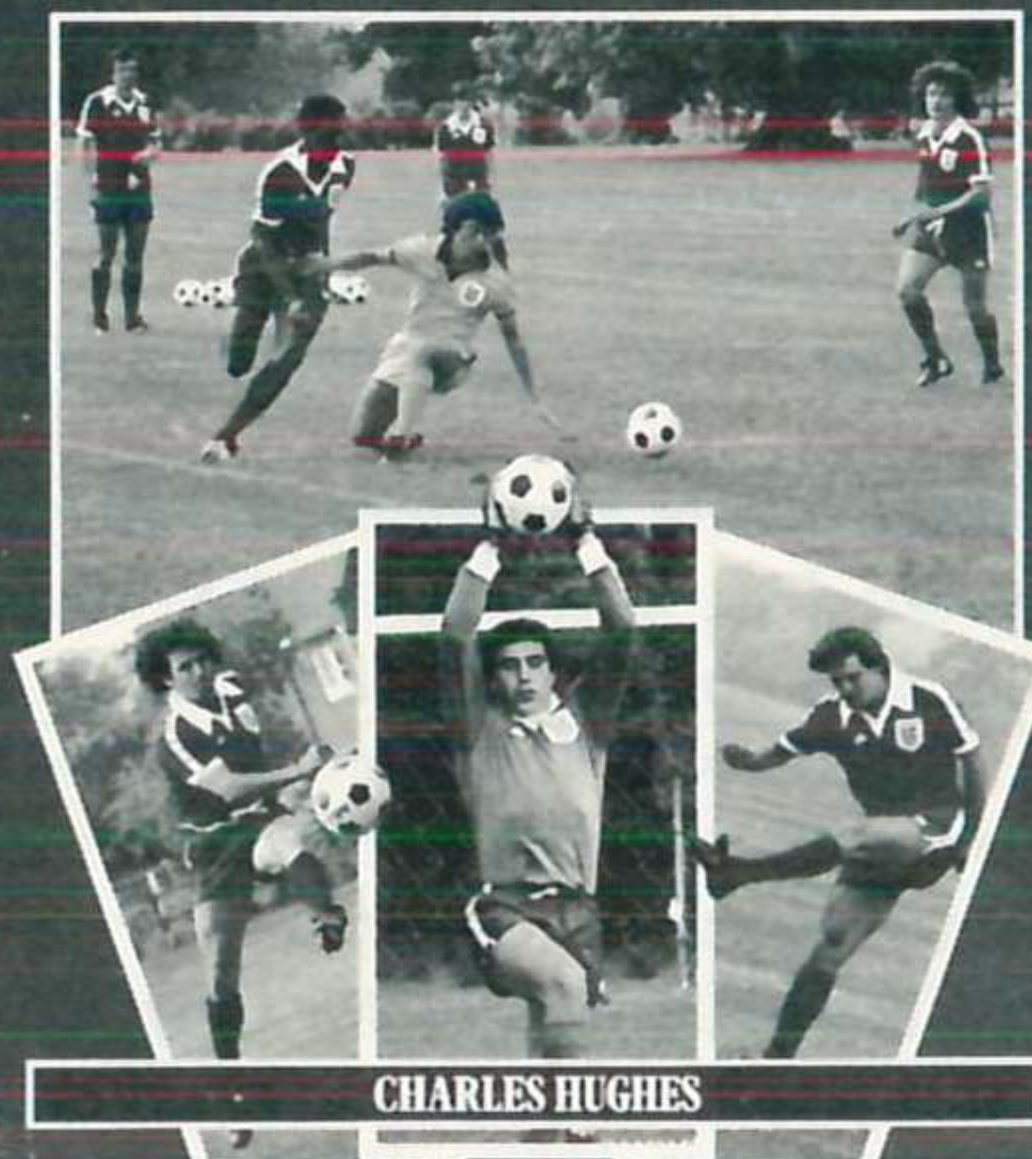
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Tom Tully is well known as a writer of sports and children's stories, and is the author of *Roy of the Rovers*. His books *The Beaver Book of Football* and *Little Ed* are both published by Beaver Books.

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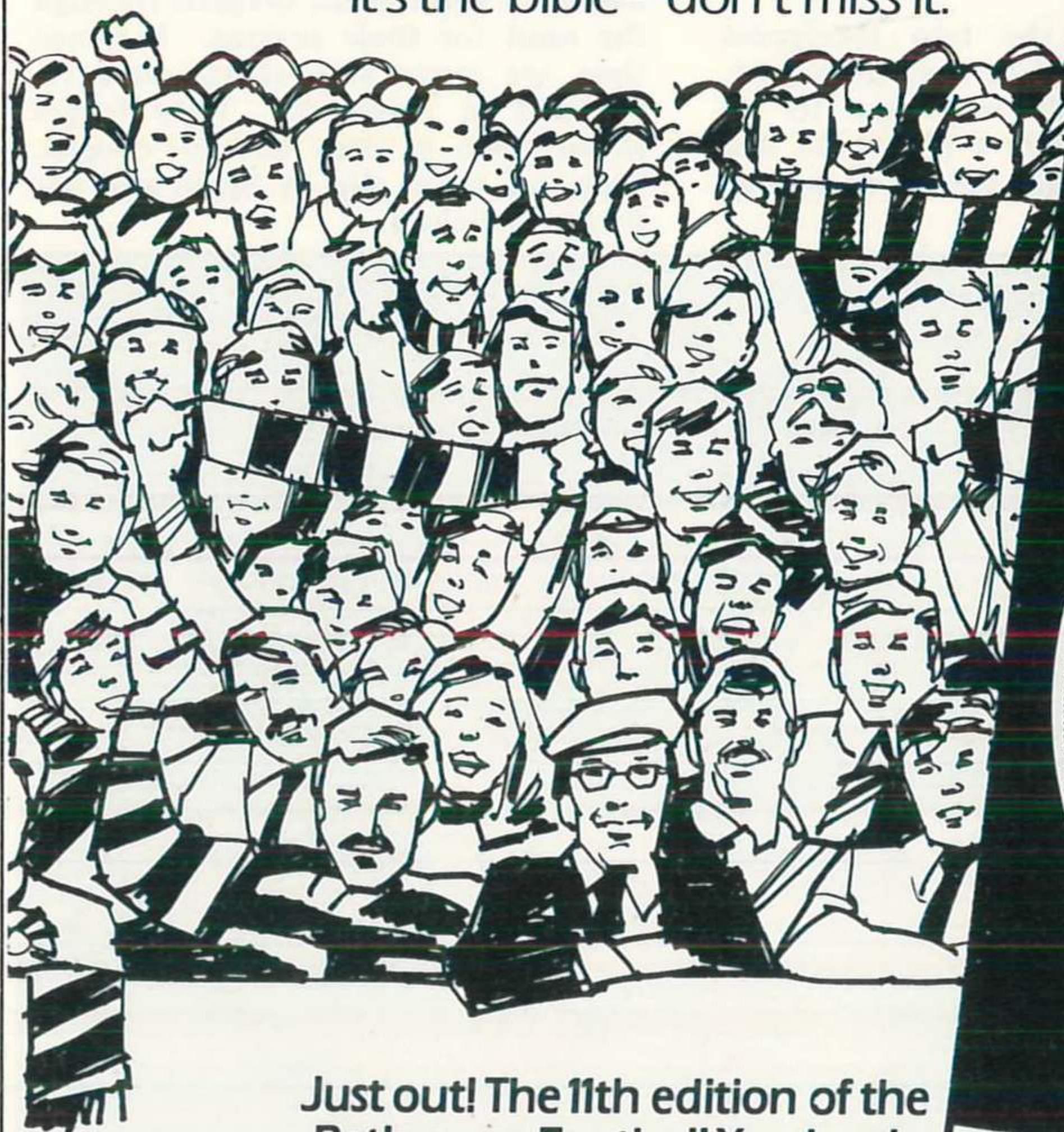
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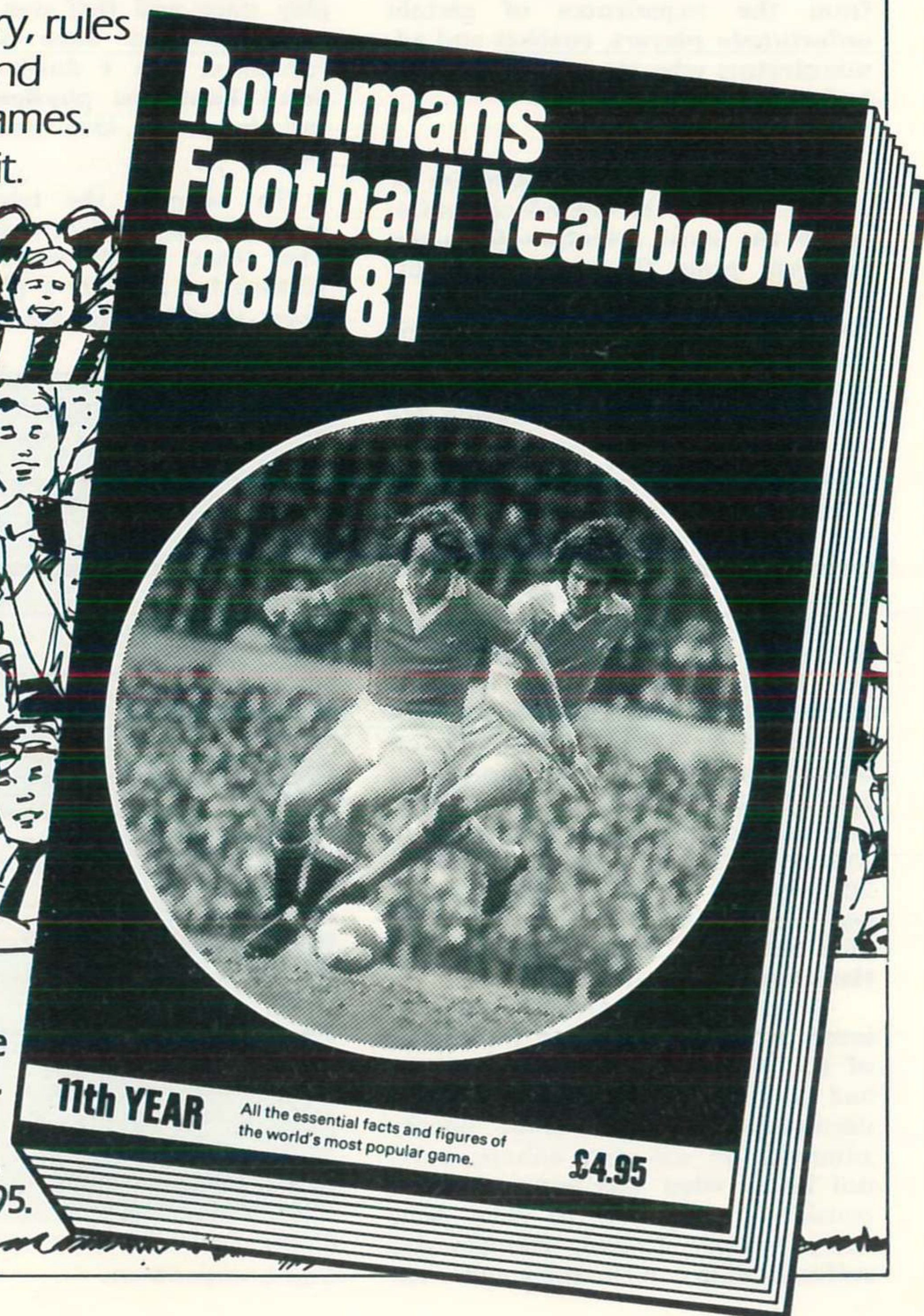
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Ethics

by TIMOTHY COLLINGS

The wholesale movement of staff between one club and another whenever a manager is sacked and a new one appointed has become commonplace in England in recent seasons and throws into discussion the question of ethics in football.

On the whole the British press has been reticent to make much comment on ethics in the game; partly because, one supposes, valuable contacts with interesting, important figures may be put at risk; partly because we have all become rather used to the lack of honour that has grown.

The question has been getting a much more healthy airing in Spain during the course of this season, however, and it may be that English football could learn a few simple lessons from the experiences of certain unfortunate players, coaches and administrators who always appear to be basking in the Iberian sun.

BIG SWOOP

The most interesting question of ethics - at least the one which commanded the most attention from the Spanish press (it was rather surprisingly ignored here in England, a fact that merely underlines how blinkered is our vision at times) - was brought into public discussion when Barcelona made their big swoop for the blonde West German international Bernd Schuster, a player who in just two appearances during the European Championships in Italy had gripped more of the public imagination than any other.

Barcelona had greedily broken the rule in Spain: only two foreigners per team. (True, they have all attempted to beat the rule by signing South Americans with claims on Spanish nationality, but this was a case of a club possessing three of the best-known international players in Europe at the same time). While the 20 year-old former Cologne libero was arriving in Barcelona with his wife and child, Allan Simonsen and Hans Krankl were worried.

Simonsen, the Danish international, a former European Footballer of the Year, a player who had not had a good time at the wealthy, disorganised Catalan club, openly admitted he was very unhappy, did not know what was happening and considered the club to have done things wrong. Krankl, who had also suffered many difficulties with the

club since signing after the 1978 Argentina World Cup in which he made such a goal-scoring impression with Austria, said less, but he said enough.

UNETHICAL

Schuster himself, cross-examined by posses of reporters all over the city, agreed that the signing of a third foreign player meant one would have to go. He also agreed the manner of the signing was unethical. But, he added with Teutonic irony, that it was not his problem.

Most remarkable of all was the comment of the Barcelona team coach, the former Spanish national team manager Ladislao Kubala, who said: "I have only seen Schuster play once and that was in Italy. I have seen him once or twice on television, but I don't know him, don't know his physical condition and have no idea where he will play".

No wonder the two foreigners in his side at the time were dismayed. The team coach was due to be picking for his side a player he had never studied; and one of them was to go.

SPENDTHRIFTS

The man who had engineered the signing of Schuster, the wily old Helenio Herrera of Italian defensive fame, had performed the deal more to satisfy the spendthrifts at Barcelona who had been frustrated in their efforts to get Maradona, the brilliant Argentina, it seemed, than with the good of the team in mind. At any rate, most of the playing staff were suitably put out, a fact sensationally transported into headlines.

The story is put into relief with the ethical problems of English football with the knowledge that Spain will host the World Cup finals in two years' time; that it is crying out for good young Spanish players; that Barcelona is one of the country's very richest clubs; and that the spending of such enormous amounts of money on imports can hardly be to the good of the development of the Spanish game.

What would we in England be saying if Ipswich, for instance, or Spurs, had gone out and spent a million pounds on a third foreign signing when it was obvious one would have to be sold? Surely the clubs owe allegiance to their foreign signings, men they have paid handsomely to leave home?

And, of course, if every club wanted to have Allan Simonsen or Hans Krankl playing in the reserves... where next season's talent is tested ... then they should go ahead and ignore the ethics that could stop them. Certainly, Barcelona have had their reputation dragged through the mud for their actions. Is it not time we made sure ethics were revitalised in England? They forget about them in Italy and got caught. They let them slip in Spain and got firmly criticised.



Krankl (Austria) and Ernie Brandts (Holland) during the 1978 Argentinian World Cup Competition.

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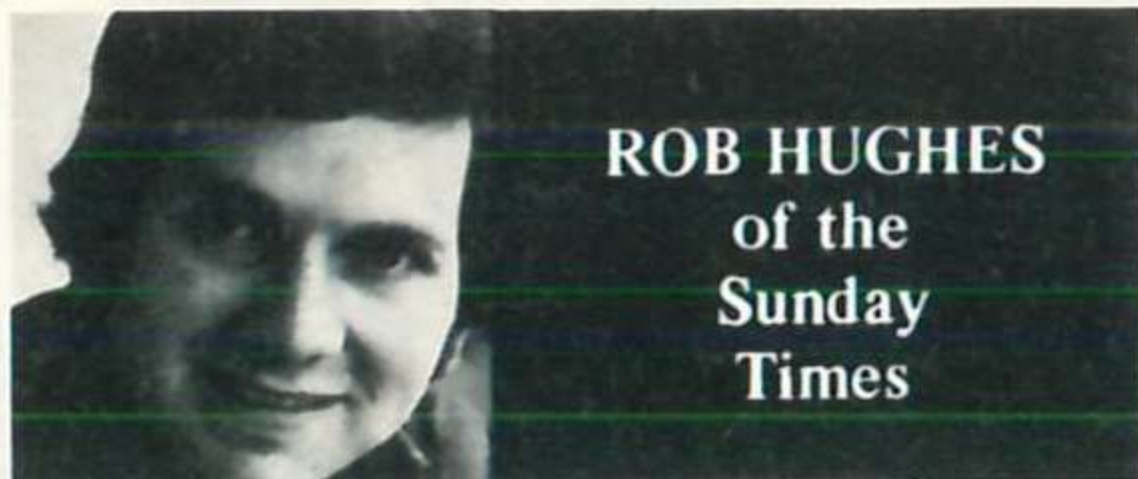
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Wor Jackie Milburn, Tyneside's goal-scoring legend while Newcastle monopolised the FA Cup in the early fifties, plays no more, except in the mind. He is 56, suffers fibrositis in the neck and poor eyesight (both, he says, not helped by heading the old leather ball), yet enjoys the recognition and warmth of tens of thousands who once made St. James's Park the hotbed of English football.

Jackie Milburn is himself a man of special warmth and sincerity. He loves and lives the game with an intensity few of today's prematurely wealthy young players will ever experience. His voice, his phraseology and enthusiasm convey a sense of the past; behind the glasses, the dark brown eyes which began to lose A1 sharpness when he was 28, have a youngster's zeal when he is led, easily, into his boyhood passion for football. You can almost see the young Milburn out in all weathers, kicking a small sponge ball for hours on end against the coalhouse door.

COUSINS

The family obsession, and the familiar Ashington accent, had resounded through football from great grandfather Milburn, goalkeeper for Northumberland in 1888, through Jackie and four professional cousins, and famously through Bobby and Jack Charlton, the sons of another Milburn cousin, Cissie. Indeed, it was this family-tree tradition that first brought me into direct contact with Jackie when I began researching heredity for a chapter in "Trevor Francis: Anatomy of a £1 million Player".

Milburn, it turned out, saw something of himself - the naturally-fast pace, the dedicated work to ensure he became two-footed - in Francis. And typical of Milburn, he wanted to pass on advice: "Trevor's a good lad", said Jackie, "he's got a hell of a turn of speed and if you haven't



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got that up front you're helpless. But y'know he worries; you can see it in his play.

"It happened to me, and it happened to Bobby Charlton. You start out cracking shots at the goals, and when you're young the crowd makes allowances if you miss. But later, the crowd and the Press get at you".

PICK YOUR SPOT

Then, says Jackie, "instead of cracking 'em in, you start trying to pick your spot - and you lose that bit of natural ability. You're trying to do what the papers make out, and that's when you start hitting posts. Our Bobby will tell you the same - you've forgotten what you did in the school yard. It's a funny thing, but

as you get older you realise that if only you could go back, if only you can recapture what you did in the younger days - which was just taking a chance without thinking about it. The true professional is a man whose prepared to miss and miss and come back to try again".

Francis and Milburn had not met, yet the words of the old master made a deep impression. And this aspect of the seasoned pro pressing knowledge on was always central to Jackie Milburn's existence; as a young man he often found Hughie Gallacher or his England inspiration Stan Mortensen waiting with advice, and successive centre-forwards Malcolm Macdonald and Peter White.

found Milburn himself lurking by the dressing room with tips to pass on.

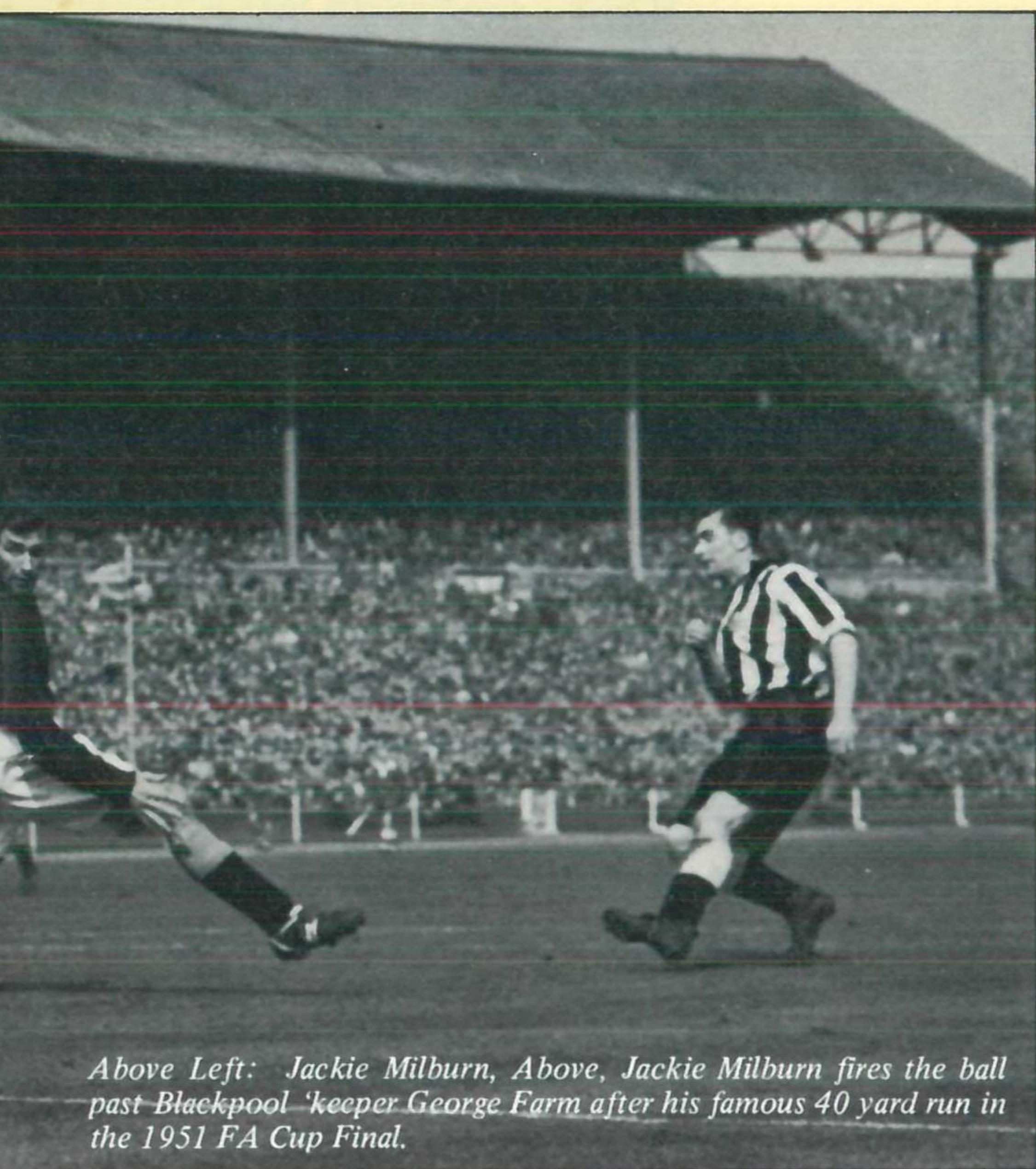
Advice rather than coaching, Milburn believes, is the crux of improvement. "I never forgot coming back from my first trip with England in 1949, 'he recalls', Stanley Matthews - who was God to me - sat beside me and was saying: 'I wish I could crack a ball with two feet like you'. Imagine a man like that saying that to me! That was the turning point for me.....".

SCARED TO DEATH

People who had seen Milburn in full flight, "like a whippet out of a trap" his team-mate Len Shackleton once said, and hammering 179 goals in 354 League games (10 goals in 13 internationals) would scarcely credit that the man needed injections of self-belief. "We all did", he says simply. "I loved every minute of playing, but I was scared to death when Newcastle gave me the No 9 shirt. I'd played only once at centre-forward in school, and had a right stinker, and besides Gallacher was there, and my dad always used to say I'd not be good enough to lace Hughie's boots",

That day Milburn scored three goals - "I'm like the crowd, I love to see the bloody net bulge", he admits. The conversation goes on and on until they come to remove the bar stools after last orders; only a fool would fail to drink in his experiences.

And those experiences are occasionally reborn, even though like many of his generation, he abhors negative, over methodical play. A few weeks ago, I found myself sitting beside Milburn in the Sunderland Press box. He frets and works so much pride into his journalism for the News of the World, its impossible to feel here is the man whose message is practice to the ultimate, then let it come out naturally. Suddenly, half-way through the match against Southampton Milburn squeezes me by the elbow; "By", he exclaims, "that Williams (Steve) is a goer ... what a player", Milburn the football man, the fan of talent no coach can put there, had within the framework of a quite ordinary League match found a skilful player whose enthusiasm would sustain him for another Saturday afternoon.



Above Left: Jackie Milburn, Above, Jackie Milburn fires the ball past Blackpool 'keeper George Farm after his famous 40 yard run in the 1951 FA Cup Final.



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For example they reckon that on British and European/Japanese models they can cover 85% of all requests for high tension leads; 70% on flashing indicators and 80% of all requests for electrical service replacement parts. Fundamental items like gaskets, bearings and shock absorbers, rate between 66 and 85% availability.

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The story of Unipart's latest advertising campaign was presented to us as a good news story to combat the recession. Let's hope it's good news for you too.

Especially when you rush into one of their outlets and gibber, "Have you a flange pin for my Wartmobile GT?" The answer is meant to be "Yes," not "Why don't you travel off, sunshine...!"

ASTONISHING ACCESSORIES

On a related subject, have you noticed what incredible gadgets you can have on the Metro and new Escorts?

Of course it all costs more, but the thought of a small car with air conditioning, cruise control, electric windows and central locking seems astonishing to me, brought up on a fleet model Mini 850. Yet, between them, Metro and new Escort can have these features.

It's also ironic in that manufacturers are spending a fortune reducing vehicle weights and slimming down the lines for the best possible aerodynamics. Yet, you can go out and undo much of that serious engineering work with extra gadgets!

M1 OR SHOULD IT BE C1?

There isn't an official category for motorways reduced to one lane for much of their working life, carrying traffic at a rate more like that of the worst country lanes, but if there were M1 would earn the category of C1!

If you've been anywhere between London and Newcastle on the M1/M18 you'll have suffered the roadworks, inflicting delays even at mid-day in North or South, with endless queues accompanied by the odd unfortunate staring at the steaming internals of his hard-shoulder-bound-motor.

Down South they've announced that we will get on one long-term benefit. That dangerous two-lane section is to go. During the next three years an estimated £27.2 million will be spent converting those two lane Hertfordshire carriageways to three lanes in either direction.

John Laing have the contract to do the work between junctions 5 and 8, but have promised to keep the present two lanes functioning most of the time, though there will be "some night closures."

Other useful roadworks coming up in the South include construction of some more links in the M25 chain that will eventually provide a ring road around London.

Cost? A trifling £67 million...!

Motoring with Jeremy Walton

Rod Stewart's new album. "Foolish Behaviour" is hardly that. It will probably prove his most successful for years. Certainly it's his best for many a year.....

Just to prove that family connections can't always pull strings for you, Liza Minelli's sister Lorna Luft currently looking high, low and everywhere else for a recording contract.....

Record companies are now taking to selling video equipment to keep out the cold.....

Ex member of the Blockheads, Chas Jankel has just emerged from obscurity with his first solo album. Very fine it is too.....

Actress Sian Phillips has signed a recording deal with Chrysalis Records (they own the Two Tone label, but that's about where the connection stops) and has released a single. Called "Bewitched, Bothered and Bewildered" it has nothing to do with her recently dissolved marriage to the "colourful" Peter O'Toole.....

A fine compilation of Doors now on the market. It's called, surprise surprise, The Doors' Greatest Hits.....

Ex Squeeze member and brother of the Only Ones' manager Zena, Harry Kakoulli has just made his solo recording debut on Charlie Gillett's Oval Records. Harry left Squeeze several months back under less than amicable terms. The band even went to the extraordinary length of re-printing their album sleeve as to obliterate all trace of



the luckless Harry.....

Despite the critics' unreserved slating of the Blues Brothers movie, I thought it was a good laugh. Great scenes with Aretha Franklin (who seems to be enjoying a bit of a revival of late) and the likes of James Brown, Ray Charles, Cab Calloway (your dad will remember him) and many more.....

Ry Cooder, at long last, seems to have shrugged off his cult status with his latest album, "Borderline". It's about time too, as success has eluded this multi talented genius for far too long.....

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Quite absurd Volume One: The

Cockney Rejects' Greatest Hits Volume 2.....

Does the title of the new Dire Straits' album, "Making Movies" give us a hint as to where Mark Knopfler's future dreams lie? Shouldn't think he's worrying too much about the financial side of life, considering he's made over a million quid to date from their first LP alone. From Deptford to Beverly Hills in forty minutes, you might say.....

How long before the r 'n' b revivalists discover Zoot Money's huge number one hit of the sixties, "Big Time Operator"? If you're in a struggling r 'n' b outfit, look it out. May well unlock the door to untold success, fame, riches and all that.....

While record sales go down, the sales figures of the music press keep going up with the NME the front runner of the weeklies. Smash Hits is the overall winner though.....

Isn't the Ovaltineys' album the grimest thing you've ever heard. Ain't even sung proper neither.....

Have you heard the B side of John Lennon's first single out of retirement? It's with Yoko doing a song called "Kiss Kiss Kiss" which has a certain, errrrr explicit side to it's otherwise melodic nature. To investigate fully, you can tune into the complete vibration on their "welcome back" album "Double Fantasy". Believe you me, she means it. With that thought I shall take my leave until next time. Kiss Kiss Ki.... awww forget it



The Doors' Jim Morrison

If we could turn back the clock then we could be watching the following games this season. How about Small Heath Alliance against Singers FC which took place at St. Andrew's on the 16th of August and Small Heath Alliance won 3-1. Or there was the one-all draw in September between Pine Villa and Christ Church FC at Boundary Park. Also in September Riverside beat the Black Arabs 2-1 at Ninian Park!

Back in 1875 members of Trinity Church, Bordesley formed a team called Small Heath Alliance. In 1888 they dropped the word 'Alliance'. It wasn't until the start of 1905 that Small Heath became 'Birmingham' and a year later moved to their present ground. They added 'City' to their title in 1945. The cycle factory workers at Singers formed their team Singers F.C. in 1883 and became the club we now know them as, Coventry City, in 1898.

Pine Villa formed in 1894 became Oldham Athletic in 1899 and moved to their present ground in 1905 while Bolton Wanderers was formed in 1874 by pupils and teachers of the Christ Church Sunday School. Indeed they were known as Christchurch FC until 1877 and moved to their present Burnden Park ground in 1895.

As for Riverside the amateur club formed in 1899 they turned professional in 1910 and became Cardiff City and moved into Ninian Park. And those 'Black Arabs'? They formed a club in 1883, changed their name to Eastville Rovers the following year, became Bristol Eastville Rovers in 1897 and finally a year after that to the club we now know as Bristol Rovers. They had moved into their Eastville ground, sad victim of a serious fire earlier this season, in 1897.

Very few clubs have played throughout their entire lives with the same name but only two have names which bear no connection with the name of the town or locality to which they belong. There's Grimsby Town of course whose ground is actually in Cleethorpes but Tranmere Rovers are in Birkenhead and Port Vale in Burslem. Port Vale is the only club named after a house!

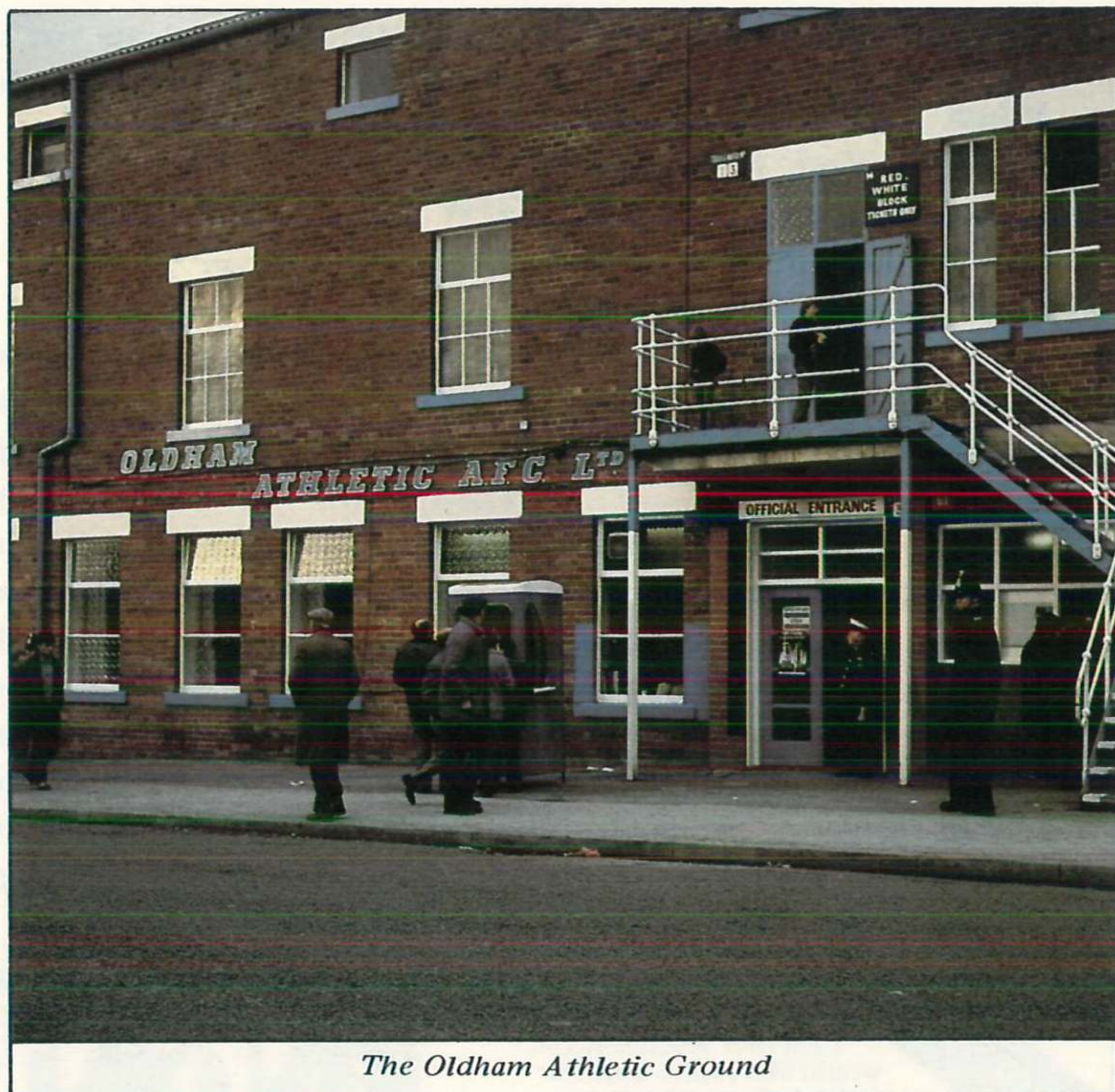
WHY ARGYLE?

One of the nicest club names is Plymouth Argyle Athletic club taking their unusual name from the fact this club's original meeting was held in a house in Argyle Terrace. The club became Plymouth Argyle in 1903. Another name which also has an unusual foundation is Aston Villa. It was in 1874 that members of the Villa Cross Wesleyan Chapel, Aston formed their football club—hence Aston Villa.

Carlisle United came into being in 1903 when Carlisle Red Rose and Shaddongate United joined forces. Formed as Burnley Rovers in 1881 the club moved into their Turf Moor

Name That Club?

by ROBERT WALKER



The Oldham Athletic Ground

home the following year and became simply Burnley FC at the same time.

In 1893 the New Brompton Excelsior Club got under way. They were known as New Brompton until 1913 when they became the club we know today as Gillingham.

Known as Headington United from 1896 until 1961 this club became Oxford United, a year before they gained entry into the League. For just two years 1885 to 1887 Queen's Park Rangers were known as St. Jude's.

Formed as Thornhill United in 1884 it was in 1905 that the club changed its name to Rotherham County and then when this club amalgamated with Rotherham Town in 1925 they became Rotherham United.

Founded as Heaton Norris Rovers in 1883 this club became Stockport County in 1891. The Sunderland and District Teachers' AFC founded in 1879 became Sunderland in 1881.

Even the famous Manchester United who began life in 1880 as Newton Heath didn't get their present title until 1902.

In 1885 Luton Wanderers and Luton Excelsior joined forces to become Luton Town but didn't move to their present Kenilworth Road ground until 1905. Founded as West Bromwich Strollers in 1897 the club became West Bromwich Albion a year later. Founded as Thames Ironworks in 1895 this club became West Ham United in 1900.

When St. Luke's, Blakenhall joined with 'the Wanderers' in 1880 they became known as Wolverhampton Wanderers.

The St. Andrew's Church Sunday School, West Kensington club was formed in 1880 but as the ground was in Fulham they called themselves Fulham St. Andrew's and dropped the St. Andrew's bit of their title later on.

Finally how about the club founded in 1899 as Boscombe FC. In 1923 they entered the League with the longest title Bournemouth and Boscombe Athletic Football Club only to become AFC Bournemouth more recently. But the natives still call the club 'Boscombe'. Bury has the shortest name in the League.

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VINTAGE BIKES

BY JERRY CLAYTON

A long time ago, when I wore short trousers and my noisy approach caused grown men and women to quake in their shoes a little more perhaps than they do now given equally noisy entrances, I had a real pal. His name was Jack Garrard. If he's still around or anyone knows him, perhaps they'll draw attention to this small offering. He somehow managed to change my life.

To his eternal credit, he never ducked down below the parapet when the noisy ginger brat from next door — but — one came calling. On reflection his patience must have been endless. He owned motorcycles — two Nortons and a Velocette or maybe it was two Velos and one Norton. On these black monsters I would climb, pulling levers I didn't comprehend at all and twisting a great black 'Bacolite' wheel thing he called a 'damper'.

I was about six years old when this series of impressionable visits took place. For a batchelor, Jack's patience with children seemed endless, and he appeared to all of us to be younger and more fun than our parents which, in truth, he probably was. The association was terminated by parental pressure following a winter fall of snow when Jack towed us round the block on a sledge one Sunday morning. It was tremendous fun to be moving so fast (probably about 10mph) without the effort involved in pushing, but this spirit of lighthearted pleasure thawed abruptly along with the tracks of filthy slush adorning our young forms when called into lunch by our parents. Mothers threw their arms up in despair — "Why on earth did he have to drag you round the block — just look at the state you're in etc. Don't you dare go round there again".

So it was, there followed a spate where, at 7.30 every workday morning when Jack would casually prod a bike into life, roll it onto its rear wheel stand and leave it pulsing a steady throb to warm up, a number of youthful faces would appear at upstairs windows with longing glances as their noses pressed against the panes.

When I eventually bought my first motorcycle, Jack had married and moved on and his mother moved home too.

MONEY

Old motor cycles are like old

paintings, old tunes. They bring the memory cassettes into action time and again. Today, however, there's far more to old bikes than just memories — there's a great deal of money. Probably this latest consideration has been greeted by the Vintage Motor Cycle Club as an evil sign of our preoccupation with materialistic gain. There they were, the members of this superb club, restoring bikes that had brought them or their fathers pleasure, swapping parts and yarns, when, around the early '70s a new wave of vintage owner began appearing. He had more money than knowledge (not in every case) and bought up bikes as investments.

They were sound investments too

that is, until this year and the severe recession everyone has been experiencing. This year, the prices, for the time being at least appear to have stopped rising.

The undeniable fact is that vintage motor cycles have been a collectors dream. Imagine, for example, the vast wealth of motor cycles that the British have produced—names that are no more. However diligent the search for old machines, there will always be one or two tucked away in sheds, barns, garages or buried in old air raid shelters. They are fewer and further between, but they still eventually come to light.

And if unearthing and restoring is beyond you, there is always the chance to buy a refurbished model—admittedly expensively—that is often better prepared than when the bike was new.

BROUGH SUPERIOR

Lawrence of Arabia loved his Brouchs owning one SS80 and no less than six SS100s between 1922 and 1935. He covered, on average, 27,000 miles a year on his machines which considering the relative narrowness and harshness of the surfaces says not only a lot for the rider but also his machines.

Lawrence's death, however, aboard his beloved 'Boanerges', as he called his last SS100, remains shrouded in mystery. He was near his home, 'Clouds Hill' in Dorset, when he took avoiding action to miss a child cyclist who wobbled into his path. He struck the offside grass verge and was flung from the machine. Speed at the time was put at 25 mph.

Granville Bradshaw was responsible for the ABC (All British Company) and very much carried a candle for horizontally opposed twin cylinder engines following an early association with the Douglas marque. He produced his first motor cycle in 1913 with the engine mounted 'fore and aft' like the Douglas.

The machine was highly advanced for its time and the few remaining examples which appear at various vintage meets are highly cherished.



Tucked away in a dealers back room for years - a matchless V2 c.1934.

BRIAN GLANVILLE



WRITES

"We played well", said Dino Zoff, Italy's veteran goalkeeper, after his Juventus team had recently lost a UEFA Cup, match 3-1 in Lodz. "It doesn't matter whether you won or lost; the important thing is whether you played well".

They were stirring, idealistic, words, the more impressive as they came from a man who has been of the world's greatest goal-keepers, laden with club and international honours, keeper for Italy in the last World Cup and in the 1980 Nations Cup Finals, at the ripe old age of 38. But were they realistic? It was, let us confess, especially odd to hear them from a leading Italian footballer, who has spent his life playing in one of the most dour, defensive, negative, fear ridden leagues in the world, a league in which managers, however "well" their team played, know that if they lose a couple of matches in a row, they will be out in the street.

"Winnings", proclaimed one egregious American gridiron coach, "isn't the most important thing; it's the only thing. "How to reconcile such a philosophy, which would certainly be shared by a great proportion of contemporary managers, with Zoff's brave words? Is winning now, "the be all and end all of football? Can it really be more important to play well? Or is there some middle ground in which the two can be reconciled; in which you win precisely because you do play well?"

SHUT UP

I would suggest that we have seen that happen often enough to be encouraged. Not, certainly in such deadly matches as the European Cup Final of 1980, when Forest cravenly shut up shop after getting Robertson's goal against Hamburg. Not in many of the games played in the 1980 Nations Cup final. But if we remember the 1970 World Cup, when Brazil's glorious attacking team thrashed a surly, defensive Italy in the Final, the 1974 World Cup when the Dutch and West Germans, especially the Dutch, played exhilarating "Total Football", the 1976 Nations Cup Finals in Yugoslavia, when the West Germans, Czechs, Dutch and Yugoslavs all provided superbly exciting fare, even the early form of the Italians and late form of the Argentinians in the 1978 World Cup finals, I think there are grounds for some optimism, some hope that one can reconcile good play with good results.

But what is good play? Here, we teeter on the verge of semantics, the realm of linguistic philosophy. For many a committed fan, a good game is a game won by his team and, by extension, a bad game is a game when it loses. I remember, as a schoolboy, watching my favourite team win a home League match, coming away afterwards in the tube, and sitting opposite a man who, noticing my programme, said, "Not much of a game, was it?" I looked at him bewildered. We'd won, hadn't we?

Does Play Mean

KILLER INSTINCT

For many years, West Ham United, under the then present manager, Ron Greenwood, were criticised for lacking the "killer instinct", for an insistence on playing good attractive football at the cost of results. Every team, it seemed, liked to play against West Ham, because the Hammers played such open, sporting, even permissive, football. They didn't kick you, they didn't close up dourly in defence. The consequence was that you could probably beat them. True, such triumphs as the F.A. Cup victory of 1964, followed by a still more jewelled success at Wembley in the European Cup winners' Cup Final of 1965, stood to their account. In the League, however, they were never in the money, and eventually they slipped out of the First Division.

Since then, Hammers have unquestionably added steel to their charms, twice winning the F.A. Cup again, and reaching another Cup winners' Cup Final.

But surely Manchester United, for much of the post-war period, have won their great prestige and enormous following precisely by playing bright, intelligent, adventurous football? Things may this season have been a little different. Not long ago I saw them play at Ipswich with no fewer than five men in midfield, clearly traumatised by the awful memory of their 6-0 defeat there the previous season; but even

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Dino Zoff - Italy

then, having equalised, old instincts reasserted themselves, and they were attacking boldly in quest of the winning goal in the closing minutes, just when you would have found most teams very happy to hang on to the draw.

Go back a little further, and you find Real Madrid, winners five times in a row of the first five European Cups, the last with a crescendo of marvellous football at Hampden Park, when they thrashed Eintracht Frankfurt 7-3. Even the ranks of Tuscany could scarce forbear to cheer. More precisely, the generous Glaswegian fans stood up afterwards and cheered Real to the echo. Scottish fans know about football, you may even say that Scotland invented the modern game, and Real could scarcely have received a finer tribute.

BRILLIANCE

Two years later, in Amsterdam, they lost the Final 5-3 to Benfica of Lisbon in another marvellous match, both teams almost recklessly going for goal. Three goals to Ferenc Puskas the naturalised Hungarian now playing side by side with the incomparable centre-forward Alfredo Di Stefano, Real's Argentinian. Which reminds one in turn of the absolute brilliance of the Hungarian team which thrashed England 6-3 at Wembley and 7-1 in Budapest in season 1953/4. There, too, we had a perfect reconciliation between the functional and the aesthetic; glorious football which was also winning football.

Implicit in Zoff's statement was a lingering belief without which football would die; that you can and should achieve the greatest heights of success by playing superbly well. At various times, Hungary, Brazil, and Real Madrid have all shown as much, as did West Germany over a dazzling five year period in the 1970s, not to mention Holland and Ajax in the great days of Johan Cruyff. By contrast, all Brian Clough's attempts to justify Forest's mean souled approach to the 1980 European Cup Final are more irrelevant. You can play superbly well and still win.

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How bravely they all fight,
even when the match is tight,
So bring your friends and come along today,
And if things are looking slack,
And if it's always points you lack,
There's always someone to shuffle the backs
In our United team.

Mark Datson, Cambridge

poets

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They used to come in thousands,
To hear the 'Tigers' roar,
But now we're less successful,
They don't come any more.

You see in Hull it's rugby league
Which draws the fans attention,
It's always 'Rovers' or 'F.C.',
We hardly get a mention!

Chilton, Houghton, Wagstaff,
'Those were the good old days',
But did it really happen,
Or was it just a haze?

A once proud soccer club is thus
Brought low, midst consternation,
A team of triers (usually)
But where's the inspiration?

The faithful few still come and watch
Hull is the third division,
But mention which team you support
And all you get's derision.

Some say it's been the bosses—
They never stay too long—
But think about it, honestly,
Can they have all been wrong?

My tale of woe is nearly done,
It seems a crying shame,
But bet your bottom dollar, mate,
We will be back again!

*Stephen J. Clark
Hull.*

Junior Poets

*Karen Hayes
Jarrow, Tyne & Wear,
(Age 15)*

Every Saturday at 3 o'clock
Either at home or far away
I'm always on the terraces
Watching my team play.

They play such skilful football
They are magicians with their feet
They never get dejected
Even in defeat

When playing away they always attack
Their style is never boring
They go all out to get some goals
And stop the home team scoring

When playing at home it's much the same
Their policy is attack
Right from the very first minute
They are forcing the visitors back

And when the inevitable first goal comes
Our stadium's a tremendous sight
You'd think that it had been hit by
A stick of dynamite

The roar is like an explosion
It can be heard for miles around
The terrified away supporters
Are staggered at the sound

By now the picture will be getting clear
Of who we are shouting for
It's the only team in the country
With the famous "Roker Roar"

If you still haven't guessed it
The name of this happy band
Just look at the first division
And you'll find Sunderland.

The response to our Soccer Poet's page has been overwhelming. We never realised that there were so many budding poet's in the Sporting World — keep them coming.

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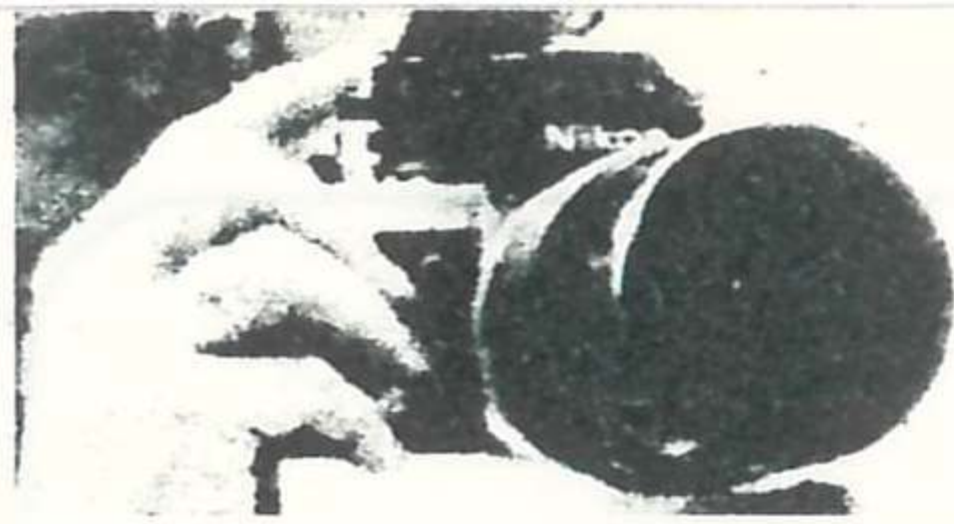
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BOLTON WANDERERS

Life has been an episode of ups and downs for Bolton Wanderers over the course of the last two years. After finishing in third place for two successive seasons, they finally made it to Division One as Champions of the Second in 1978. But a dismal away record last season dumped them at the bottom of the First Division with only 25 points — 10 behind Everton who escaped the dreaded drop.

Bolton lost only five of their home games last term, winning five and drawing 11. But they failed to win on their travels, drawing four times and losing 17. They finished five points adrift of Derby, second from bottom. And, as far as this season is concerned, have failed to make the necessary impression on the Second Division promotion scene.

Wanderers' main problem last season was scoring goals. In 42 League games, they found the target only 38 times and their away record spoke for itself when they conceded 52.

This term, Bolton are around the halfway mark. Yet Wanderers have plenty of experience within their team.

Goalkeeper Terry Poole was signed from Huddersfield Town in 1977 for a £25,000 fee but has found his opportunities strictly limited due to the form shown by Jim McDonagh who has made almost 200 League appearances for the club. David Felgate is the third competitor for the keeper's position.

In defence, England international Dave Clement arrived from QPR in exchange for a

£150,000 cheque in June last year. Clement gave sound service to Rangers and made 403 appearances for them before moving to Lancashire. David Burke emerged onto the first team scene at the start of the 1978-79 season and signed for Bolton as a junior.

Peter Nicholson signed for Wanderers almost 10 years ago from Blackpool and has since proved to be a tremendous bargain while Paul Jones has been a member of the Under-23 and full England squads.

Mike Walsh is another local product and has skippered the team. He is equally proficient in the middle of the defence, at full-back or in midfield. Midfielder Peter Reid is yet another product of Bolton's youth scheme and was a regular member of the England Under-23 side which he also skippered. A severe knee injury put him out of action for a long spell two years ago but he has fought back to regain his first team place.

Len Cantello cost Bolton a record £350,000 fee when they signed him from West Brom in June 1979. Cantello is the sort of midfield player who delights in stamping his authority on the game and always looks for the opportunity to attack.

Striker Neil Whatmore has a flair for scoring goals and was, in fact, top scorer last season with 18. He is joined up front by Brian Kidd, a member of Manchester United's European Cup winning team in 1968 before he won two England caps. He moved to Arsenal for £110,000 in 1974 but returned to Manchester two years later when he joined City. After two seasons at

Maine Road, he moved to Everton for £150,000 and was their top scorer last season. He signed for Bolton at the end of last May.

Alan Gowling is another striker who has done the rounds after service with Manchester United, Huddersfield, and Newcastle United. Polish international Tadeusz Nowak arrived at Burdon Park from Warsaw club Legia for a fee which was not disclosed but which was believed to be in the region of £50,000.

Chris Thompson has represented England at schoolboy level, while Mike Carter is a speedy forward with the ability to score goals. He had a spell on loan with Mansfield but made his League debut for Bolton against Bristol City in December 1979. He scored his first League goal later that month in the dying seconds against Everton after coming on as substitute.

Midfielder Phil Wilson had a tough baptism in Wanderers' side at Arsenal last February and then went on to play against Manchester United and European Champions Nottingham Forest — all in the space of eight days!

Back row (left to right): Mike Graham, Dave Hoggan, Terry Poole, Chris Thompson, Mike Bennett, Peter Reid.

Middle row: Tadeusz Nowak, Dave Clement, Mike Walsh, Dennis Peacock, Len Cantello, Peter Nicholson, Brian Kidd.

Front row: Alan Gowling, Phil Wilson, Dave Burke, Neil Whatmore, Mike Carter, Paul Jones.



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Reserve Report

Luton Town 1 Southampton 1

Against a star-studded Southampton side, the Town showed up well in this Football Combination match and, in the early minutes, Raddy Antic and Andy Pearson went extremely close. The game was fast and absorbing with both teams producing high quality soccer.

After Andy Harrow and Godfrey Ingram should have given us the lead, Alan West touched a free kick to Antic who beat the keeper with an excellent shot into the bottom corner of the net. We stayed in front until half time but, in the second half which was equally as thrilling, Southampton snatched an equaliser through Trevor Hebbard with 20 minutes left.

Both teams had further chances to take the additional point, but the result was a fair reflection of an entertaining game.

Team: Beasley, Johnson, Turner, Madden, Fuccillo, Harriott, Antic, Ingram, West, Harrow, Pearson. *Sub:* Smith.

Oxford United 1 Luton Town 0

The reserves suffered their first Football Combination defeat in ten games when they lost at the Manor Ground. The Town completely dominated the first half and should have held a commanding lead at the interval but good keeping and poor finishing proved to be our downfall.

After we had enjoyed so much possession, Oxford produced a counter punch at the beginning of the second period and scored through Peter Foley. Instead of spurring us on, the goal deflated Luton and it was not until the final 20 minutes that we recovered our composure. But it was not enough to snatch an equaliser although Andy Pearson went close. One of the satisfying aspects of our display was the performance of apprentice keeper Andy Beasley in only his second Combination game.

Team: Beasley, Mahoney, Johnson, Madden, Turner, Harriott, Fuccillo, Harrow, Bunn, Ingram, Pearson. *Sub:* Heath.

RAF 0 Luton Town 7

A reserve side containing four trialists came under a heavy bombardment from the RAF in this friendly game at Uxbridge on a bitterly cold afternoon. With the wind behind them, the RAF pushed men and the ball forward but the Town opened the scoring when Wayne Turner capitalised on a pass from Seamus Heath.

The score remained the same until half time but, after the break, the Town produced some sparkling soccer which led to an avalanche of goals.

Godfrey Ingram, a second half substitute for the injured Wayne Turner, promptly rammed in three goals and others by Herbie Smith, Seamus Heath and Andy Pearson — playing in an unaccustomed full back position — completed the demolition.

Team: Beasley, Mahoney(Pearson), Johnson, Lammings(Madden), Harriott, Fuccillo, Baker, Turner(Ingram), Smith, Swallow, Heath.

Luton Town 2 Bristol City 0

After only eight minutes, Luton took the lead in this Football Combination game with a marvellous goal. Alan West switched play with a fine pass to Godfrey Ingram who controlled the ball quickly and volleyed a tremendous shot into the top corner of the net. What followed until the half time break was rather disappointing with Bristol City controlling the midfield without looking likely to penetrate a solid Luton defence.

But the Town showed more urgency after the break and, following several missed chances, added a second. A good Andy Pearson through pass put Ingram clear and, although his shot was palmed away by the keeper, West followed up to knock in the rebound.

Team: Beasley, Johnson, Fuccillo, Madden, Saxby, Harriott, Pearson, West, Smith, Ingram, Heath. *Sub:* Foote.



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Name in Bold = Scorer

¹Figure = Number of Goals

+ Denotes substitute player

* Own Goal

Date	Fixture	Att.	Res.	Pts.	Pos.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Aug. 16	West Ham United	27,933	2-1			Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White +	Antic	Moss ²	West
Aug. 19	Watford	13,887	1-0			Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White ¹	Antic +	Moss	West
Aug. 23	Derby County	11,025	1-2		6	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	Bunn +	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Aug. 27	Reading (LC 2- 1st Leg)	5,778	2-1			Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	Bunn	Antic +	Moss ¹	White
Aug. 30	Newcastle United	13,164	1-2		12	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby +	Price	Hill	Stein	White	Antic	Moss	Aizlewood
Sept. 2	Reading (LC 2- 2nd Leg)	5,707	1-1			Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby ¹	Aizlewood	Hill	Stein	Bunn ¹	Antic +	Heath +	Ingram
Sept. 6	Wrexham	8,244	1-1		11	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Bunn ¹	Antic +	Moss	West
Sept. 13	Blackburn Rovers	9,076	0-3		5	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Ingram	West	Moss +	White
Sept. 20	Orient	8,506	2-1		7	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	West	Antic ¹	Moss	—
Sept. 23	Manchester City (LC 3)	10,265	1-2		7	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic ¹	Moss	—
Sept. 27	Grimsby Town	9,044	0-0		8	Findlay	Aizlewood	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	West	Antic	Moss	—
Oct. 4	Notts County	8,736	0-1		8	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby ¹	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	West	Moss	—
Oct. 7	Bristol City	7,014	1-2		16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow +	West	Moss	Aizlewood
Oct. 11	Preston North End	5,620	0-1		8	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	Harrow	West	Moss	—
Oct. 18	Shrewsbury Town	8,014	1-1		9	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White ¹	West	Moss	—
Oct. 21	Swansea City	8,402	2-2		10	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Goodyear	Price	Hill	Stein	White ¹	Aizlewood	Moss	—
Oct. 25	Cambridge United	7,219	3-1		12	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Goodyear ¹	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	White	Aizlewood	Moss ¹	—
Nov. 1	Sheffield Wednesday	12,092	3-0		14	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Goodyear	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	White ¹	Aizlewood	Moss ¹ +	Antic
Nov. 8	Queens Park Rangers	10,082	2-3		14	Judge	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Goodyear	Price	Hill	Stein	White ¹	Aizlewood	Moss ²	—
Nov. 11	Watford	16,939	1-0		16	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein ¹	White ¹	Aizlewood	Moss ¹	—
Nov. 15	West Ham United	17,031	3-2		18	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein ²	White	Aizlewood +	Moss ¹	West
Nov. 22	Cardiff City (1)	6,064	1-0		18	Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White	Aizlewood	Moss ¹	—
Nov. 29	Bolton Wanderers					Findlay	Stephens	Donaghy	Grealish	Saxby	Price	Hill	Stein	White	Aizlewood	Moss	—
Dec. 6	Oldham Athletic																
Dec. 13	Preston North End (2)																
Dec. 20	Shrewsbury Town																
Dec. 26	Chelsea																
Dec. 27	Bristol Rovers																
Jan. 3	F.A. Cup 3																
Jan. 10	Cardiff City																
Jan. 17	Newcastle United																
Jan. 24	F.A. Cup 4																
Jan. 31	Derby County																
Feb. 7	Blackburn Rovers																
Feb. 14	Wrexham (5)																
Feb. 21	Grimsby Town																
Feb. 28	Orient																
Mar. 7	Notts County (6)																
Mar. 14	Bristol City (LCF)																
Mar. 21	Swansea City																
Mar. 28	Cambridge United																
April 4	Sheffield Wednesday																
April 11	Queens Park Rangers (SF)																
April 17																	
April 18	Bristol Rovers																
April 20	Chelsea																
April 21																	
April 25	Oldham Athletic																
May 2	Bolton Wanderers																
May 9	F.A. Cup Final																

BEHIND THE SCENES . . .

This afternoon, we present another in the occasional series which feature some of the staff behind the scenes our supporters never see. This week, we take the opportunity of introducing you to Renee McNamara who is responsible for washing all the teams' playing and training kit. She has been with the club for five years, but isn't sure how many shirts, socks and shorts she has washed in that time but we estimate it must run into thousands. Renee formerly lived in India and represented Bombay State in the All-India State Hockey Tournament as a forward. Perhaps a case of soaking up the opposition then — now soaking up the dirt! If washing our kit isn't enough after matches and training sessions, what does Renee do when she gets home? You've guessed it — washing for the family.



FOOTBALL COMBINATION
FIXTURES 1980-81

LEAGUE DIVISION TWO TABLE 1980-81

FOOTBALL COMBINATION 1980-81

DIVISION TWO
AVERAGE ATTENDANCES

Aug. 16	Chelsea	2-2
19	Southampton	0-1
23	Ipswich Town	2-0
30	Arsenal	2-2
Sept. 6	Hereford United	3-1
20	Crystal Palace	2-0
27	Orient	1-1
Oct. 4	Queens Park Rangers	1-1
6	Norwich City	4-0
10	Leicester City	2-1
13	Fulham	1-0
18	West Ham United	1-1
22	Plymouth Argyle	0-1
27	Tottenham Hotspur	2-0
Nov. 1	Oxford United	1-1
7	Bristol City	1-1
10	Southampton	1-1
15	Chelsea	
22	Cardiff City	
29	Bristol Rovers	
6	Birmingham City	
13	Norwich City	
20	Plymouth Argyle	
23	Reading	
29	Swindon Town	
Jan. 10	Cardiff City	
17	Arsenal	
2	Ipswich Town	
10	Fulham	
14	Hereford United	
21	Orient	
Mar. 2	Crystal Palace	
7	Queens P'k Rangers	
14	Leicester City	
21	West Ham United	
28	Tottenham Hotspur	
April 4	Oxford United	
11	Bristol City	
18	Swindon Town	
21	Reading	
25	Birmingham City	
May 2	Bristol Rovers	

	Home					Away				
	P	W	D	L	F A Pts	P	W	D	L	F A Pts
West Ham United	18	9	0	1	25 6 3 5 28	19	11	5	3	38 23 27
Chelsea	19	5	3	2	19 8 6 4 26	16	10	6	0	44 14 26
Notts County	19	6	3	0	15 5 4 2 25	17	11	4	2	35 14 26
Sheffield Wed	19	8	1	0	18 5 1 3 25	18	10	5	3	39 23 25
Orient	19	5	2	2	16 7 3 4 24	18	9	6	3	30 18 24
Swansea City	18	4	2	2	13 9 3 5 21	15	7	6	2	24 12 20
Blackburn Rovers	19	6	2	1	15 5 2 3 21	17	7	6	4	37 28 20
Cambridge United	19	7	0	3	17 10 3 5 14 21	19	7	6	6	32 26 20
Derby County	18	3	3	2	13 13 3 4 19	20	8	4	8	32 27 20
Newcastle United	19	5	3	2	10 7 2 5 19	19	6	7	6	31 30 19
Luton Town	19	4	3	2	14 10 3 6 18	18	6	7	5	26 26 19
Preston North End	18	4	4	1	12 7 1 4 18	16	5	8	3	20 15 18
Bolton	19	5	3	2	22 11 1 2 18	17	6	6	5	38 26 18
Q.P.R.	19	5	2	2	17 6 1 3 17	21	7	4	10	23 31 18
Cardiff City	19	6	1	3	13 9 2 0 17	19	6	4	9	33 38 16
Shrewsbury Town	19	4	4	2	15 11 0 4 16	19	4	6	9	15 32 14
Wrexham	19	3	2	4	9 12 3 2 17	21	5	4	12	23 40 14
Watford	18	6	2	2	15 10 0 1 16	17	4	5	8	18 32 13
Grimsby Town	18	3	5	1	4 2 0 4 15	18	4	4	10	18 27 12
Oldham Athletic	19	4	4	2	8 4 0 2 14	17	4	2	11	19 44 10
Bristol City	19	3	4	2	9 6 0 2 12	19	3	2	14	18 43 8
Bristol Rovers	19	1	6	3	11 12 0 3 11	14	2	3	9	12 36 7

Up to and including Sat. 22nd November 1980

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MIDLAND YOUTH TABLE
(Group B)

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W.B.A.	7	5	2	0	14	5 12
Luton Town	8	2	3	3	13	14 7
Swindon	6	2	2	2	14	9 6
Bristol City	8	2	2	4	11	17 6
Leicester City	7	2	1	4	6	14 5

Up to and including 25th October

DIVISION TWO APPEARANCES &
GOALSCORERS 1980-81

COMBINATION APPEARANCES &
GOALSCORERS 1980-81

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DIVISION TWO
HOT SHOTS

App	FLC	Gls
Aizlewood	9(3)	1
Antic	7(1)	1
Bunn	3	1
Donaghy	19	1
Findlay	17	1
Goodyear	5	1
Greenish	19	1
Harrow	3	1
Heath	1	1
Hill	19	1
Ingram	1	1
Judge	2	1
Moss	18	1
Price	19	1
Saxby	14	1
Stein	19	1
Stephens	18	1
West	6(4)	1
White	11(1)	1

(Up to and including Saturday 22nd November)

App	Gls
Aizlewood	5
Antic	5
Beasley	3
Bunn	4
Fuccillo	14
Goodyear	10
Harriott	14
Harrow	3
Heath	5(4)
Hill	1
Ingram	11(1)
Johnson	14
Judge	11
Mahoney	1

(Figures in brackets denotes substitute)

Up to and including 22nd November 1980

P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Ham	11	7	4	0	27	13 18
Oxford	11	8	2	1	35	18 18
Swindon	12	8	1	3	28	16 17
Cambridge	12	8	1	3	37	24 17
Luton Town	13	7	2	4	25	14 16
Tottenham	11	6	2	3	29	22 14
Charlton	11	5	2	4	22	18 12
Reading	13	4	4	5	23	26 12
Brentford	10	5	1	4	25	15 11
Wimbledon	10	5	1	4	25	25 11
Chelsea	11	2	4	5	16	29 8
Orient	9	2	1	6	15	20 5
Millwall	10	2	1	7	11	21 5
Crystal Palace	11	1	2	8	19	41 4
Bristol Rovers	9	0	2	7	13	28 2°
Peterborough	10	2	0	8	7	27 2°

°3 pts deducted

*2 pts deducted

(Including League Cup)	15
CROSS, West Ham	14
LEE, Chelsea	12
POSKETT, Watford	10
KIDD, Bolton	10
WALKER, Chelsea	9
CHRISTIE, Notts County	9
GODDARD, West Ham	9
MOORES, Orient	9
MOSS, Luton Town	9
STEIN, Luton Town	9
McCULLOCH, Sheffield Wed.	8
NEAL, Q.P.R.	8
STONEHOUSE, Blackburn	8

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Married, with two sons, he is a Principal Work Study Assistant.

COMMERCIAL COMMENT

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Lotteries are of prime importance to us in the current times of economic gloom but there are also healthy benefits for our winners. We make no apologies for repeating the details of our Miami Lottery — simply because it could provide *YOU* with the opportunity to join us on an American-bound jet next May.

That's what has happened for Mrs Vivian Wilkinson, who scooped one of our fantastic prizes on her 22nd birthday. Now, instead of wondering where she will spend her holidays next year, she doesn't have to bother.

Married three months ago, she and her husband Geoffrey were unable to afford a proper honeymoon. Now Vivian, who works at Unigate, will walk aboard that aircraft with her husband for a free two-week holiday in Miami next year.

Mrs Wilkinson, of Denbigh Road, Luton, couldn't believe her luck. "This is rather a surprise," she said. "I was speechless when I heard I had won. This is the holiday of a lifetime. I still cannot believe I have won a free holiday in America."

Lotteries, of course, are all about luck. But there's no reason why *YOU* shouldn't accompany us to America with players, of-



What a surprise. Vivian Wilkinson, surrounded by her colleagues, holds up her winning ticket.

Picture: Evening Post-Echo

ficials and staff the day after the Cup Final next May.

There's still time for you to take your chance. After all, our motto is: "Keep buying and trying." All aboard . . . and happy hunting.

● At last, we now have stocks of genuine Luton Town FC shorts, priced at £2.50 for sizes 24" to 34". But it's a case of demand outstripping supply and we advise you to place an order quickly if you want a pair.

Our Pools Office staff in Kenilworth Road will be pleased to help you make your choice from our fantastic selection of souvenirs, some of which are available from our small order scheme. We can satisfy your requirements while you wait but, if you would like to receive a price list before you call, simply send a stamped addressed envelope to us and we'll do the rest. Don't forget, Christmas is just around the corner.

MIKE HARDWICKE *Commercial Manager*

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Century Club

Today we welcome to Kenilworth Road fresh faces to Division Two this season when we greet our visitors from Bolton. They are no strangers to our ground, and it goes without saying — we look forward to a good afternoon's football.

We certainly had that in full measure at our last home game, despite the mud! What an exciting afternoon, with the opening of our new scoreboard, good pre-match and interval entertainment, and best of all, a wonderful result. Certainly everyone watching had plenty of good things to talk about when they returned home, including the 1,250 children in our *Evening Post-Echo* Junior Hatters Enclosure. Best wishes to our team for this afternoon.

We must congratulate the Bletchley supporters on their achievement this week when they presented a cheque for £1,000 to the football club at a very pleasant social evening. All sections of the football club were represented, including representation from the Century Club.

The big social event of the year is the football club private party at Cesars Palace on Monday 1st December, and it is hoped that many Century Club members will be able to attend. For full details either contact Catherine Ball today, or telephone the football club early to avoid disappointment.

We shall follow this with our Christmas party on Saturday 20th December and will also make the draw for our Christmas raffle on that day. We shall be grateful for any prizes you care to donate, and may we also remind you to let us have your cash and counterfoils, or any unsold tickets as soon as possible.

Leisure

Our association with the Hatters Community Arena provides continuous activity for local youngsters. This week, we feature the early results in the new five-a-side tournament. 9-12 (Organiser Lilly Fuccillo): Ickniel 1 Hillborough 4; Hillborough 4 Toddington 1; Ickniel 4 Toddington 0; Hillborough 0 Toddington 4; Ickniel 3 Hillborough 3, Ickniel 5 Toddington 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Ickniel Youth	4	2	1	1	13	9	5
Hillborough Hatters	4	2	1	1	11	9	5
Toddington Rovers Youth	4	1	0	3	7	13	2

12-15: Toddington 2 Oldhill 1; Kokni 1 61FC 3; Toddington 3 61FC 0; Oldhill 0 Kokni 0, Toddington 4 Kokni 0; Oldhill 2 61FC 2.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Toddington Rovers Youth	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
61FC	3	1	1	1	5	5	3
Oldhill United	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Kokni Sports Club	3	0	1	2	0	7	1

The top scorer is Stephen Park (Ickniel), while the highest scoring team is Ickniel (9-12). Best defensive team is Toddington (12-15). A special three-day *Evening Post-Echo* football coaching course starts on 29th December and all coaches are qualified FA staff. The fee is £4.50 and the age range is 7-14. The closing date for entries is 15th December.

There is still time to enter for the Netball League although the closing date is 13th December, and a new *Evening Post-Echo* Health and Beauty course will commence in the Hatters Club on 12th January.

On the question of other subjects, a Leader hockey course is being arranged in addition to an angling course.

Final details are being worked out for the Easter Netball Tournament, we are able to confirm that the next course in the *Evening Post-Echo* netball tournament will start next summer. If you want to participate in any of these courses, further details are available from Mike Iacono, Marsh House Centre, Bramingham Road, Luton (56879 or 504211).

QUIZ SPOT



There's two free tickets for one of our future gamea waiting for the lucky person ringed in this picture which was taken at one of our recent matches. All you have to do is to pop into the Ticket Office after this afternoon's match and claim your tickets from our assistant secretary and box office manager Bill Butler. Happy hunting.

WHO'S PLAYING



LUTON TOWN

TEAM CHANGES

BOLTON

TEAM CHANGES

- 1 JAKE FINDLAY
- 2 KIRK STEPHENS
- 3 MAL DONAGHY
- 4 TONY GREALISH
- 5 MIKE SAXBY
- 6 PAUL PRICE
- 7 RICKY HILL
- 8 BRIAN STEIN
- 9 STEVE WHITE
- 10 MARK AIZLEWOOD
- 11 DAVID MOSS
- 12 ALAN WEST

- 1 TERRY POOLE
- 2 MIKE GRAHAM
- 3 DAVID BURKE
- 4 ALAN GOWLING
- 5 PAUL JONES
- 6 MIKE WALSH
- 7 PETER REID
- 8 NEIL WHATMORE
- 9 MIKE CARTER
- 10 BRIAN KIDD
- 11 DAVID HOGGAN
- 12 CRAIG MOORES

HALF-TIME SCORECHECK

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 Coventry v Nott'm Forest
 Crystal Palace v Man. City
 Everton v Birmingham
 Ipswich v Middlesbrough
 Leeds United v Brighton
 Leicester v Norwich City
 Man. Utd. v Southampton
 Sunderland v Liverpool
 Tottenham v W.B.A.
 Wolverhampton v Stoke
 Blackburn v Bristol Rovers
 Bristol City v Oldham

Derby v Cardiff
 Grimsby v Cambridge
 Notts County v Chelsea
 Orient v Newcastle
 Q.P.R. v Shrewsbury
 Sheffield Wed. v Watford
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